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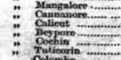
SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.



The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above, with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship ARABIA, 1,027 tons, 200 H. P., Commander Thomas Saunders, will be despatched on the 15th February 1870, noon.

	Feb. 1870		Feb. 1870
Leave Bombay	15	Leave Galle	23
" Ratnagherry	16	" Negapatam	26
" Vingorla	16	" Pondicherry	27
" Carwar	17		March.
" Mangalore	18	" Madras	2
" Cannanore	19	" Coconada	4
" Calicut	19	" Vizagapatam	5
" Beypore	19	" Bimlipatam	5
" Cochin	20	" Gongalpore	6
" Tuticorin	21	" False Point	7
" Colombo	22	Arrive Calcutta	8

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherrie district, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut for Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail.

Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

(Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.)

The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited) under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Guadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Lingah, Bushire, Feo, Mahomerah, and Bussorah.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE

The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connexion with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every Monday at noon.

The steam ship COMORIN, 453 tons, 80 H. P., Commander R. L. Turner, will be despatched on the 14th February, 1870, at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST.

Steamers Lord Clyde, General Havelock, General Outram, and Tilly.

One of the above Steamers will be despatched every week to and from the Malabar Coast, calling at the intermediate Ports on the following days :—

Down Steamers.		Up Steamers.	
Leave Bombay	Saturday.	Leave Cochin	Friday.
" Ratnagherry	Sunday.	" Beypore	Saturday.
" Malwan	"	" Calicut	"
" Vingorla	"	" Tellicherry	"
" Goa	Monday.	" Cannanore	"
" Carwar	"	" Mangalore	Sunday.
" Compta	Monday.	" Honore	"
" Mangalore	Tuesday.	" Carwar	"
" Cannanore	Wednesday.	" Goa	Tuesday.
" Tellicherry	"	" Vingorla	"
" Calicut	"	" Malwan	"
" Beypore	"	" Ratnagherry	Wednesday
Arrive Cochin	Thursday.	Arrive Bombay	Thursday.

The Steamer LORD CLYDE, Captain H. Kinsconn, will be despatched according to the above table on SATURDAY next, the 12th instant, at 4 P.M.

NOWROJEE BHICAJEE, Manager.

No. 6, Borah Bazaar Street, 7th February, 1870.

EXTRA STEAMER TO CHINA.

The S. S. NORNA, A. M. Lockie, Commander, will be despatched to China on the 11th instant, calling at Singapore.

For Freight or Passage apply to

GEORGE F. HENRY,
Superintendent P. & O. Company.

Bombay, 4th February 1870.

FOR LIVERPOOL via SUEZ CANAL

(Calling at HAVRE, if sufficient inducement offer).

The first-class screw steamer LEITH, 957 tons Register, Barnetson, Commander, WILL SAIL on the 28th February.

The draught of this vessel, when fully laden, is under 18 feet, and she has already come through the Canal, with a cargo of Dead-Weight, without grounding. For Freight only to Liverpool and Havre, apply to

RITCHIE, STEUART & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 1st February 1870.

NEW OVERLAND ROUTE

(via SUEZ CANAL.)

DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN BOMBAY and MARSEILLES, touching at ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, and MARSEILLES.

LA COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR—MARC FRASSINET PERE and FILS will DESPATCH SPECIAL STEAMERS from BOMBAY to MARSEILLES, via the SUEZ CANAL, thus dispensing with the necessity of transhipment of Goods and Passengers at Suez and Alexandria.

Freight.—The Company undertake to grant through Bills of Lading for Aden, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Malta, Marseilles, Genoa, Leghorn, Civita Vecchia, Naples, Barcelona, Havre, and other Continental Ports. They have also made arrangements to forward Cotton at a through rate from Bombay to the principal towns in France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, and Spain.

Shippers will have the option, on due notice being given, of detaining at Marseilles Cotton destined for other parts of the Continent; the Freight on same to be regulated at the average rate paid by the same Steamer.

Freight on Goods shipped to Europe to be payable at Marseilles in French money.

The undersigned are further prepared to receive Merchandize from up-country, and to forward same to any part of Europe.

INSURANCE may be effected on very moderate terms, under the Company's Floating Policy, on goods shipped by their own Steamers. Premiums of Insurance from Bombay to Marseilles ½ per cent.

PASSENGER RATES.

(Inclusive of Wines, and all Transit Fees through the Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.
To Aden	£ 25	£ 15
" Suez	£ 40	£ 24-10
" Port Said	£ 42	£ 24
" Marseilles	£ 56	£ 36

Children over three and under ten years of age, half fare.

In accordance with the above, the new Steam Ship EUROPE, 3,500 tons, Captain Martins, will be despatched from Bombay on the 12th February, and will be followed by the AFRIQUE, 3,500 tons, to sail about the 25th February.

For further particulars, rates of Freight, &c., apply to

KUNKLER, PREISWERCK, & Co., Agents.

Elphinstone Circle, 4th February, 1869.

NOTICE.—Consignees of CARGO per ship ECTERPE, from London, are requested to SEND BOATS alongside at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by Captain Cousins, without further intimation, at the risk and expense of the concerned.

W. NICOL & Co.,
Agents of Captain and Owners.

Bombay, 2nd February 1870.

NOTICE.—Consignees of CARGO per Ship BRITISH SCEPTRE, Captain J. Kendal, from Liverpool, are requested to SEND BOATS alongside the Ship to receive delivery of their Goods, otherwise the same will be landed at their risk and expense of the concerned.

Captain J. Kendal will not be responsible for the condition of any package after it leaves the ship's deck.

EDWARD BIGG & Co.,
Agents Ship British Sceptre.

4th February 1870.

NOTICE.—Consignees of CARGO per Ship FLEUR DE LIS, from Liverpool, are requested to SEND OFF BOATS alongside immediately for their respective goods as they come to hand, failing which they will be landed by the Captain at the risk and expense of the consigned.

Captain Thomson will not be responsible for the contents or condition of any package after it leaves the ship's deck.

REMINGTON & Co.,
Agents for the ship Fleur de Lis.

7th February 1870.

CAUTION,

STEDMAN'S SOOTHING POWDERS,

for Children cutting their teeth. Purchasers are requested to BEWARE OF IMITATIONS

of this Medicine, and to observe, in every case, that the words "JOHN STEEDMAN, CHEMIST, WALWORTH, SURREY," are engraved on the Government Stamp affixed to each packet, without which none are genuine. Sold by all Chemists and Druggists in Bombay, in Packets.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND FREIGHT ROUTE.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL, LONDON, TRIESTE, MARSEILLES, BRINDISI, VENICE, NAPLES, LEGHORN, GENOA, BARCELONA, HAVRE, ADEN, AND SUEZ.

THE Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Company, under arrangements with other first class lines of Steamers from Alexandria, undertake to give through Bills of Lading for Goods via Egypt to the above and most other Continental Ports.

A limited number of passengers can be accommodated.

Rates of Fare.

To Suez—1st class £40, 2nd class £22. 10s. } Exclusive
To Trieste—1st class £55, 2nd class £34., } of Wines.

Exclusive of Transit.

Passengers by or for our Steamers will be furnished with First-class Tickets between Alexandria and Marseilles by Messrs. Fraissinet & Co.'s line for £10; making the passage-money between Bombay and Marseilles £50, exclusive of transit in Egypt.

We have arranged our departures from Bombay so as to arrive immediately before the departure of Messrs. Fraissinet's Steamer from Alexandria and avoid delay to passengers. The Marseilles Boats leave Alexandria every Thursday morning.

Steamers will leave Bombay every alternate Monday.

For Freight or Passage apply to Messrs. Stephen, Kennard & Co., London; Messrs. Tod, Kennard & Co., Liverpool; Messrs. Tod, Rathbone & Co., Alexandria; Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company, Trieste and Venice; Messrs. Fraissinet Pere et Fils, Marseilles; and Messrs. H. Rubattino and Co., Genoa; or to the undersigned in Bombay.

The Steam-ship NEERA, 2,200 Tons, Captain Hancon, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 14th February.

The following Steamer will be despatched on MONDAY the 28th February.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

Gentlemen proceeding Home will find all that is requisite in the following detailed list; the Goods being made specially for the passage and Home wear :—

REQUIREMENTS.

½ Dozen Silk and Wool Shirts.	1 Rug with straps.
½ " Under Vests.	1 Mask.
1 " Linen Collars.	1 Inverness Cape.
1 " Fine Cotton Socks.	1 Hand Portmanteau.
1 " Fine Merino Socks.	2 Overland Trunks.
½ " Fine Merino Drawers.	1 Clothes Bag.
½ " Colored Handkerchiefs.	1 Travelling Hat.
1 " White Cambric.	1 Courier Bag.
1 Overland Suit.	1 Easy Chair.
2 Sleeping Suits.	1 Umbrella.
2 Pairs of Kid Gloves.	1 Pair of Brushes.
6 Scarfs and Ties.	Ladies' Overland Trunks.

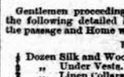
Return Fares.—First "Ian Passengers embarking from India by the P. and O. Co.'s Steamer within six months of their arrival from England, and *vice versa*, will be allowed a reduction of 20 per cent. on the Return Passage Money.

Bombay. BADHAM & Co., Apollo House.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION WITH ENGLAND.

On Saturday, the 12th February, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.



THE P. & O. Co.'s s. s. RANGOON, (1,776 tons, and 400 H. P.,) Captain E. J. Baker, will LEAVE FOR SUEZ as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Marseilles, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Trieste, Venice, Genoa, Rotterdam and Hamburg, Liverpool, or London.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 11 A.M. on Friday, the 11th instant.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon before 10 A. M. on the day of the Steamer's departure, in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon, for the convenience of Passengers at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay,
8th February 1870.

STEAM FERRIES to GREAT EASTERN.

Fare there and Back, 1 Rupee.

The well known Steam Launches Barges THISTLE and SHAMROCK, fitted with Awnings and Seats, will leave the Apollo Bunder TO-DAY, every hour, from 9 A.M. till 6 P.M.

For Tickets apply to Adolphi Hotel and JAMSEETJEE DORABJEE, at the Apollo Bunder.

Bombay, 10th February 1870.

NOTICE.—Consignees of CARGO per ship SAM MENDEL, arrived from London, are requested to SEND OFF BOATS for their respective goods without delay, otherwise they will be landed by the Captain as they come to hand at the risk and expense of the concerned. Captain Murdoch will not be responsible for the condition of any package after it leaves the ship's deck.

COUPLAND & Co.,
Agents ship Sam Mendel.

Bombay, 9th February 1870.

THE BOMBAY SHIPPING COMPANY (Limited).—NOTICE.—Consignees of GOODS per MICHAEL SCOTT, LLEWELLYN, Master, from London, are requested to SEND OFF BOATS for their Cargo without delay, otherwise the goods will be landed by the Captain as they come to hand at the expense and risk of the concerned.

Captain LLEWELLYN will not be responsible for the condition of any package after it leaves the ship's deck.

RITCHIE, STEUART, & Co.,
Secretaries and Treasurers.

Bombay, 8th February 1870.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—NOTICE.—

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be HELD at the Chamber's Office, on WEDNESDAY the 16th instant, at 12 noon, to vote an address to His Royal Highness the DUKE of EDINBURGH.

The attendance of Members is requested.

By order of the Committee,
JAMES TAYLOR, Secretary.

Bombay, Chamber of Commerce, 9th February 1870.

DUKE of EDINBURGH.—TRANSPARENCIES.—The most effective illumination is a well painted Transparency. An Artist will be happy to receive orders for the above. Apply to Messrs. SOUNDY & Co., Rummum Street Fort.

THE CIRCUS!!
WILL ARRIVE
IN A FEW DAYS.

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HARVEY'S NATIONAL CIRCUS.

NOTICE.—SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Office of the undersigned, up to 2 P.M. on FRIDAY the 11th instant, from parties willing to undertake the supply of ROAD METAL and SAND STONE required for consolidating a road from the Chumney Road to the Church Gate Street.

The description of the Metal and Sand Stone can be seen, and other particulars learnt, on application during Office hours.

Tenders are to be made on printed forms only, which will be supplied from this Office.

KAHANDAS MUNCHARAM,
Executive Engineer, Presidency.

Office of Executive Engineer, Presidency, Bombay, 9th February 1870.

FREERE LAND and PIER COMPANY (Limited).—NOTICE.—SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned, at their office in Rumpart Row west, up to 12 o'clock noon of the 21st February current, for the repairing of Canal Walls, completion of Lock Gate and Timber Docks, making and repairing Roads, levelling and reclaiming ground, and for such other work as is shown in Specification, which may be seen by intending Contractors on application.

Tenders under a former advertisement will be at liberty to amend their tenders.

Persons desirous of undertaking the Contract may obtain all further information necessary by applying at the office of the Company.

The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender, and the person or persons whose tender may be accepted will be required to enter into an agreement for the due and proper performance of the work.

Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of 10 per cent. in cash on the amount of the tenders.

Tenders to be endorsed "Tenders for the Construction and Completion of Canals, &c."

By order of the Directors,

SIR CHARLES FORBES & Co.,
Secretaries and Treasurers.

Bombay, 9th February 1870.

FOR SALE, a WINDMILL, by Gwynne and Co., London, the property of the Municipality.

The above Mill can be worked for various purposes, such as grinding corn, turning all kinds of light machinery, &c., and with scarcely any expense. A plan of it can be seen, and full particulars respecting its mode of working, original cost, &c., obtained at the office of the undersigned, or that of the Executive Engineer, Apollo House, on all week days, between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.

All offers must be in writing, and the amount over the highest or any will rest with the Commissioner, to whom they will be forwarded.

By order of the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay,
J. R. BROWNE, M. D.,
Municipal Storekeeper.

Municipal Storekeeper's Office, Borce Bunder, 9th Feb., 1870.

AUCTION SALE of LANDED PROPERTY at Khetwady 1st Carpenter Lane.—On MONDAY, the 21st February, at 4 P.M., Messrs. HEERALALL & Co. will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION on the premises, in pursuance of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the 21st March 1868, by order of the Mortgagee, Withoba Babajee, on account and risk of the Mortgagor, Mucundjee Bimbhoorjee, all that piece or parcel of Government Land or Ground, with the messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house, built and standing thereon, situate, lying or being without the Fort of Bombay, at Khetwady 1st Carpenter Lane, registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Nos. 1,710 and 1,711, and assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 92, containing by admeasurement 606·0 square yards or thereabouts, and bounded as follows: On or towards the east by the 1st Carpenter Lane, on or towards the west by the property of Gunpat Madhowjee, on or towards the north by the property of Dhackjee Rameshurjee, on or towards the south by the house of Bunchoo Hindurjee, on or towards the south by the house of Bunchoo Hindurjee, on or towards the south by the house of Bunchoo Hind

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET firm and without any noteworty change.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—FEBRUARY 9.

North, Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, on duty, from England.
Dorsn, Surgeon, Medical Department, on duty, from England.
Shephard, Staff Surgeon, British Medical Department, on duty, from England.
Tyler, Lieutenant, Royal Horse Artillery, on duty, from England.
Harcourt, Captain, Royal Artillery, on duty, from England.
Saxton, Captain, Royal Artillery, on duty, from England.
Forbes, Ensign, 1st Battalion 6th Regiment, on duty, from England.
Cuzens, Assistant Surgeon, Medical Staff, on duty, from England.
Crean, Assistant Surgeon, Medical Staff, on duty, from England.
Corry, Assistant Surgeon, Medical Staff, on duty, from England.
Gordon, Ensign, 58th Regiment, on duty, from England.
Booke, Lieutenant, Royal Horse Artillery, on duty, from England.
Harlen, Captain, 109th Regiment, on duty, from England.
Pearse, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, on duty, from England.
FitzGerald, Assistant Surgeon, on duty, from England.
Crofton, Lieutenant, 60th Rifles, on duty, from England.
Standbridge, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, on duty, from England
Budd, Captain, Royal Artillery, on duty, from England.
Rybot, Captain and Major, Royal Artillery, on duty, from England.
Bartley, Assistant Surgeon, Royal Artillery, on duty, from England.
Trampton, Captain, 30th Regiment, on duty, from England.
Miles, Lieutenant, 22nd B. Royal Artillery, on duty, from England.
Candy, Captain, Royal Artillery, on duty, from England.
Wray, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, on duty, from England.
Thompson, Captain, (The Royal Regiment,) on duty, from England.
Guthrie, Surgeon, Royal Artillery, on duty, from England.
Scanlon, Assistant Surgeon, Medical Staff, on duty, from England.
Tripbook, Assistant Surgeon, Medical Staff, on duty, from England.
Davy, Staff Assistant Surgeon, British Medical Department, on duty, from England.
Baker, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, on duty, from England.
Frere, Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, on duty, from England.
Fuller, Colonel, Royal Horse Artillery, on leave, from Kirkee.
Tarlton, Senior Barrack Master, on duty, from Tannah.
Toole, Lieutenant, Quarter Master General's Department, on duty, from Poona.
Forgett, Lieutenant, 50th Regiment, on duty, from Poona.
LeGeyt, Captain, 3rd Light Cavalry, on leave, from Poona.
McNeill, Lieutenant, 3rd Light Cavalry, on leave, from Poona.
Gayker Assistant Surgeon, General duty, on leave, from Ahmedabad.
Turner, Lieutenant, Royal Horse Artillery, on duty, from Deolalee.
Collins, Inspector Veterinary Surgeon, on duty, from Poona.
Balmain, Colonel, Royal Artillery, on duty, from Raepore.
Hale, Major, 7th Hussars, on duty, from England.

DEPARTURES.—FEBRUARY 9.

Tarlton, Senior Barrack Master, on duty, from Tanna.
McNeill, Lieutenant, 3rd Light Cavalry, to join, (on the 11th instant) to Tanna.
Bushman, Veterinary Surgeon, 21st Hussars, to join, to Lucknow.
Saxton, Captain, Royal Artillery, on duty, to Beypore.
Moore, Assistant Surgeon, Medical Staff, on duty, to Belgaum.
Wilson, Ensign, 40th Regiment, on duty, to Deesa.
Elphick, Veterinary Surgeon, Royal Artillery, to join, to Lucknow.

ARMY GENERAL ORDERS.

By His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters, Poona, 9th Feb. 1870.

In continuation of G O C No. 1010 of the 3rd November 1869, is notified that the Prize for the best Essay on "The advantages of Military Workshop," was awarded to Serjeant E Sarsfield, Unattached List, employed in the Quartermaster General's Department.

The undermentioned officer has leave of absence :—

108th Foot.—Captain G B Stokes, to Bombay, from 1st February to 1st March 1870, on medical certificate, preparatory to obtaining a final certificate to Europe.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

(*Gazette of India*, Feb. 5.)

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Major A. E. Wilkinson, B.A., officiating Deputy Commissioner of Gondah, to officiate as Judge of the Small Cause Court at Lucknow, during the absence of Mr. J. Dyson, on special duty, or until further orders.

The undermentioned officers serving in the Central Provinces, have passed the Departmental Examination prescribed for Police Officers :—

Mr. G. J. Nobis, officiating Assistant District Superintendent of Police.

Mr. Chatterton and Mr. W. Duncan, Inspectors.

The Reverend T. D. Gray, M.A., appointed by the Secretary of State for India a Junior Chaplain on the Bengal Establishment, reported his arrival on the 19th January. His services are placed at the disposal of the Government of Bengal.

The Reverend W. D. Cowley, a Senior Chaplain on the Bengal Establishment, reported his return from furlough on the afternoon of the 11th December, and is appointed to be Chaplain of Morar.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The services of Ensign H. A. Vincent, of the 96th Foot, a candidate for the Bombay Staff Corps, are placed at the disposal of the Government of Bombay.

The undermentioned officers of the Medical Department having completed twelve years' service, are promoted to the rank of Surgeon, from the 27th January 1870, subject to Her Majesty's approval :—Assistant Surgeons John Armstrong Purefoy Colles, M.D.; Alexander Dugald Campbell, M.D.; Sydney Charles Courtney, M.D.; Charles Frenix; Rajendra Chandra Chandra; Robert Liddesdale, M.D.; James Edward Tierney Aitchison, M.D.; Leonard Horner Lees, M.D.; Thomas Stick Veale; Bomlet Walker Switzer, and Cyrus Octavius Daniell, M.D.

Brigadier General J. E. Goodwyn, C.B., of the 41st Foot, Commanding at Sealkote, is permitted, at his own request, to resign his appointment on the Brigade Staff of the Army f om the 1st March 1870.

Surgeon Major J. Rose, in medical charge of the 22nd (Punjab) Regiment Native Infantry, is appointed to be a Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, with temporary rank from the 1st March next, during the absence on leave, preparatory to retirement from the service, of Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals H. M. Macpherson, or until further orders.

Captain David Limond, of the Royal Engineers, Superintending Engineer, 2nd class, 2nd grade, Department Public Works, Punjab, is permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs, for two years, embarking at Bombay.

The services of Captain R. de Bourbel, of the Royal Engineers, are placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department, with effect from the 17th January.

The permission to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs granted to Major R. C. Whiting, of the Bengal Staff Corps, 2nd in Command and Wing Officer 11th Regiment Native Infantry, is cancelled at his own request.

Lieutenant Colonel (Brevet Colonel) George Remington Cookson, of Infantry, Cantonment Magistrate, Meerut, is permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs, for two years, embarking at Bombay.

Captain H. D. E. W. Chester, of the Bengal Staff Corps, Sub-Assistant Commissary General, 2nd class, is allowed leave of absence for one month, from the 10th February 1870, or from such date as he may avail himself of it, to visit the Presidency, preparatory to applying for furlough to Europe on medical certificate.

The following promotion and alteration of rank are made subject to Her Majesty's approval :—

Lieutenant Henry Seeley Moules, General List, Infantry, to be Captain from January 3, 1870, in the room of Captain (Major in Staff Corps) R. O. H. Forbes, Cadre of the late 3rd European Regiment, placed on the Retired List.

Captain Charles McDowal Skene, General List, Infantry, to rank from December 15, 1869, in the room of Captain J. B. Harden, 101st Foot, Cadre of the late 1st European Bengal Fusiliers, having exchanged into the 109th Foot.

The furlough to Europe and in India on private affairs granted to Lieutenant G. N. Channer, of the Bengal Staff Corps, Quarter Master of the 2nd Native Light Infantry, is cancelled at his own request.

The undermentioned officers are permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs for two years, embarking at Bombay :—

Lieutenants George Waterhouse, of the General List, Infantry, 3rd Squadron Officer 12th Bengal Cavalry; Frederick Alexander Darley, of the Bengal Staff Corps, Quarter Master 3rd Bengal Regiment of Native Infantry; and Henri John Goldie, of the Royal Engineers, Executive Engineer, East Berar Division, Department of Public Works, Hyderabad.

The services of the undermentioned officers of the Royal Engineers, are placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department, with effect from the dates specified :—Lieutenant E P. Leach, 19th February 1870; Lieutenant J. B. Lindsell, 22nd February 1870; Lieutenant C. F. Call, 23rd April 1870.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Captain W. Jeffreys, R. E., Executive Engineer, 1st grade, is appointed to officiate as Superintending Engineer, 2nd class, and posted to the North-Western Provincee.

Mr. R. W. Woodhouse, Executive Engineer, 2nd grade, is transferred from Bombay to Hyderabad.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA.

Head Quarters, Calcutta, 24th January 1870.

INTERPRETERS.

Whenever an Interpreter is required for a British regiment, in consequence of no officer of the corps being duly qualified for the appointment, application is to be made to the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India.

CHARCOAL AS A DISINFECTANT.

Under the authority of the Government of India in the Military Department, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief directs that the use of charcoal in barrack and hospital buildings as a disinfectant be discontinued. The "cages wire" with their suspending rods will be returned into store; and such articles will cease to be articles of issue by the Barrack Department. Iron coke vessels are not to be heated in future when dhoonah is applied. Where coal tar is available, and cheaper than dhoonah, it is to be used and applied cold. The time-expired charcoal of the filters will be found amply sufficient for the purpose of heating the dhoonah.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
9	Lammershagen	Georgensen	Glasgow, Sept. 10.
	Sam Mandel	Murdock	London, Sept. 16.
	Zuleika	Thompson	Liverpool, Sept. 8.
	Phlox (s)	Baker	Goa, Feb. 7.
	Tythonus	Lreen	Liverpool, Sep. 24.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday :—

Ship Windsor Castle, Douglas, to Colombo.
Steamer Taptee, DeCosta, to Cutch Mandvee.

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—

Steamer Lord Clyde, to Malabar Coast.
Ship Mosaic Merchant, to Calcutta.
Steamer Phlox, to Coast and Goa.
Ship Arethusa, to Liverpool.
Ship Ticonderoga, to Calcutta.
Ship Waterloo, to Calcutta.
Ship Codabux, to Calcutta.
Schooner Goolanar, to Mozambique.

NOTICE.—The Band of HIS EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR will play at the RACES THIS AFTERNOON at 4 o'clock, instead of on the Esplanade.

TOWNLEY M. FILGATE,
Military Secretary.

Government House, Malabar Point, 10th Feb. 1870.

NOTICE.—On THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 10th and 11th inst., a BAZAAR will be HELD in the Hall of the MONEY INSTITUTION, Esplanade, where a large quantity of Children's Dresses of various sorts, and Ladies' Fancy Work, some of it extremely valuable, will be exhibited for Sale. The proceeds will be given partly to the Zenana Mission and partly to the Association for Female Education in India. All friendly to these good causes are respectfully invited to attend.

Bombay, 4th February 1870.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BENGAL.

BIRTHS.

NAHER—January 4th, at 3½, Chowringhee, Calcutta, the wife of S. J. Naher, Esq., Extra Assistant Commissioner, Fyzabad, Oudh, of a daughter.

DEATH.

WORSLEY—February 1st, at Dacca, Eric Graham Mant, child of Captain and Mrs. Worsley, aged 8 months and 15 days.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES, &c.

BIRTH.

NICHOLETTS—January 29th, at Mooltan, the wife of Lieutenant R. C. Nicholetts, Cantonment Magistrate, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

LARSEN—BICKERS—February 1st, at Lucknow, John Albert Larsen, Esq., to Miss Winifred Ellen Bickers.

NOTICE.

All CHEQUES, MONEY ORDERS, and other Remittances sent to this office, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

Bombay Gazette Office, Bombay.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1870.

ONCE more a Prussian Army is the object of general attention and a subject specially attractive to military men and state-rulers. After the seven years' war the machine invented by the Great Elector, brought into a high condition of drill and equipment by the father of Frederick II., and raised to a still higher point by Frederick himself, who threw over its standards the lustre of many victories, the Prussian Army of the eighteenth century was the envy of the military monarchies, and exercised no slight influence on the collections of regiments we were pleased to term the British Army. But the Prussians did not keep up with the times. Their fossil soldiers and statesmen learnt nothing from the lessons of the revolutionary and early imperial wars of France; and improved organization, drill and tactics, as well as fine generalship, broke the old idol of Europe on the field of Jena. The reverses of years, sharp oppression, deep humiliation, were required to bring about a reform. The fallen monarchy, guided by a great statesman, familiar with adversity, devised means for evading the restrictions imposed by Napoleon, and when he met with reverses, foundations, broad and deep, were laid by Stein and Scharnhorst, upon which the superstructure of the present army still reposes. Obligatory service for all able men, wisely modified to meet special cases, both for individuals and classes, was the principle of the law of 1814. From that starting-point the Prussian Army has grown up to be what it is—one of first and best, if not the first and best in modern Europe.

We are not surprised that Frenchmen look upon it with something of a jealous eye. A writer in the *Revue des Deux Mondes* characteristically imputes to the efficiency of the Prussian Army, as revealed by the campaign of 1866, the *malaise* which afflicts international relations, and sees in the army the cause of that great development of military power which he says is indispensable for the security of the present and fatal to the prosperity of the future. But the seat of the disease he points out lies much deeper. The modern origin of huge armies may be traced to the policy of imperial aggrandizement which followed the French Revolution. We say modern, because relatively to the population Louis XIV. kept very large forces on foot. But the present increase in European armaments dates from the period when Napoleon seized supreme power. During the long peace the numbers fell off and the efficiency of every army, as a whole, deteriorated; the Crimean War gave them a new impulse, and the succeeding policy of the French Emperor really produced the vastly improved Prussian Army of our day. It was not the Prussians who broke up the arbitrary system established in 1815; but the Prussians were not less ready to make good their own position, and profit by opportunities than the Italians or the French. Docility is one of the qualities most useful to a ruler, and the Prussian King or his Ministers—for more than one engaged in the work—may claim the high merit of being amenable to experience. The civil war of 1849, the critical moments of 1850, when Nicholas practically imposed his will on Germany, and, more than all, the military demonstration made in 1859 exposed the weak points of the system established in 1814. It had grown rusty, partially inapplicable; it needed furbishing up, and it required, not only from a military but a political point of view, changes designed and adapted to bring the old model into harmony with the new wants. What the King—an excellent soldier of the sublime Sergeant-Major sort—and his Generals detected was a weakness arising, partly from the numerical deficiency of the active army and reserve, and partly from the want of mobility in the landwher. King William and his able Minister determined to cure the defect, and prepare an army equal to any occasion that might arise. The old ideal of the Prussians for their active army was one per cent. of the population. In 1850 it had fallen nearly one-fourth below that standard, and immediately after Napoleon's Italian campaign had closed the Prussian Government determined to restore the old ratio. Hence the severe contest with the Parliament which raged several years, during which period the Government did what it pleased with the army notwithstanding fierce debates and hostile votes. The Government held that the crown had the right to regulate the constitution and numbers of the army, and that the Parliament had the right to sanction the cost. The annual contingent was raised from 40,000 to 63,000; whereas under the old law, the men were enrolled to serve five years, three in the active army and two in the reserve, after which they took their places in the landwher, now the service in the reserve was raised to four years, a measure which gave the king control over a large number of soldiers fresh from actual training. By a decree the Infantry regiments were increased from 145 to 254 battalions, and the Cavalry were raised from 152 to 192 squadrons. The two junior classes of the landwher were suddenly incorporated in the reserve; means were taken to secure the young men under twenty who are allowed to anticipate their training; and the result was that the Government could at length assemble an army of great force the bulk of which did not consist of the landwher first for service. The most remarkable part of the transformation was that, although, of course, the total expense was greater than it was under the old system, the relative expense per man was considerably less under the new. Indeed the soldiers, per head, cost less in 1869 than they did in 1829; a striking proof of that severe economy which, with one exception, the first King, has always characterized the House of Hohenzollern.

The system, as remodelled in 1860, and improved after 1866, has now been applied to the whole of North Germany, while the Southern States have all been brought under the Prussian regime, so far as to adopt its uniform, organization, drill, and tactics; and all Germany, save the Austrian Duchies, may be said in a military sense to have been Prussianized. But each state, even in the North, keeps its separate insignia; and, as the several corps d'armée are permanently quartered where they are recruited, the national and local spirit are admirably combined. The hardship of compulsory service is softened in a score of ways, and the tastes and exigencies of the professional and mercantile classes are partly satisfied by the institution peculiar to Prussia, of volunteers for a year; in other words, men who serve for a year with the army and qualify for the post of officer in the landwher. The French commentator does not regard the Prussian military body as a type of a "people in arms." But, if it is not that, what can it be? The ranks are filled with men of all classes, and the fact that the active army and reserve are mainly men between 20 and 27, backed by their elders in the landwher, does not make the instrument less an army of the people. The characteristic of the Prussian system, indeed, is that it sweeps up all available men in some shape, and renders all liable in turn. The effect is that the military instrument has an unexampled mobility, can be assembled fit for action in a few weeks, and led, as we have seen, straight from the rendezvous to the field of battle. There are now, including the Guards, a corps d'élite, thirteen corps in the Monarchy; mustering on a peace footing about 300,000 men; but easily capable of being expanded into double that number. It is the mobility and rapidly expansive power of the Prussian Army, taken with its admirable equipment, and excellent soldierly qualities, from top to bottom, that makes it an engine so powerful for war, and so politically weighty in Europe. Moreover the Prussian Army, like the Prussian nation, has the immense advantage of being composed of men, not only educated more or less, but trained to obedience and discipline. Education is making great progress in other countries, but not one, as a whole, comes up to the level of Prussia. The military institutions for the training of officers are among the best on the continent, and nowhere is the interest which the officer takes in his work greater than there.

It is not astonishing then that the French should view with dislike and distrust an instrument which, although never likely to be used aggressively towards them, will certainly be employed to maintain the independence of Germany, and put a complete stop to that intermeddling in German affairs, that chronic intrigue at German courts intended to divide the country, which has characterized French policy for more than two centuries.

COLONEL W. W. ANDERSON left Bombay yesterday for Kattyawar.

THOUGH, as we mentioned yesterday, a private letter has been received in Bombay stating that Mr. Walter Knox was dead, it may be as well to wait for confirmation of the report, as we find that gentlemen who might have been expected to get early news on the subject have not yet heard of his death.

COLONEL PELLY, when on the point of starting on Tuesday for Muscat, received an order to set out at once for Calcutta. He departed yesterday by the mid-day train. It is said that, among other things, he has been summoned to confer with the Viceroy on the best mode of providing a substitute for the old Indian Navy.

AFTER a warm debate in the Senate on Monday evening, it was decided by an overwhelming majority to admit Persian among the languages to be recognised for degrees in the Bombay University. The only practical difficulty will be the want of a professor, and this will no doubt be entertained and dealt with in the spirit it deserves. All Parsees will doubtless take up this beautiful and useful language rather than Latin or Sanskrit; and as there are no endowed professors in the University, we wait to see whether some leader of this spirited race will not bear off the honour of endowing the first in the professorship of Persian.

IT is expected that the head-quarters wing of H. M.'s 14th Regiment will go to Allahabad in replacement of the 58th.

CAPTAIN BRADFORD, 2nd in command of the 1st Central India Horse, will succeed Major Beynon temporarily as Political Agent at Jeypore.

THE Duke of Edinburgh is expected at Roorkee on the 17th instant, on which occasion, it is said, he will present new colours to the 103rd Regiment.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL J. E. GOODWYN, C.B., of the 41st Foot, commanding at Sealkote, has been permitted, at his own request, to resign his appointment on the brigade staff of the army from the 1st March 1870.

AFTER Baboo Keshub Chunder Sen's lecture at the Town Hall, Calcutta, on the 2nd instant, a subscription was opened towards defraying the Brahmo teacher's expenses to England, and a considerable sum was promised.

IT appears from the "Gazette of India" that a revised edition of the Public Works Code, and forms, including all orders issued between the 1st January 1866 (the date of the publication of the 2nd edition) and the 1st January 1870, is now ready.

LORD MAYO, accompanied by Major Burne, the Hon. Major Bourke, and Captain Lockwood, was to leave Calcutta on Monday last by steamer for a spot beyond Diamond Harbour, where the party were promised great things in pig-sticking. Lord Mayo was to entertain the members of the Calcutta Tent Club on the occasion.

THE following rule has been laid down by the Government of India as applicable in both the Civil and the Military Department. Local Governments have authority to grant subsidiary or preparatory leave for a period exceeding thirty days in case of necessity, but are invariably to report such relaxations of rule to the Government of India.

THE "Pioneer" hears that the chief Arab race at the second Calcutta meeting which commenced on Saturday was likely to be shorn of much of its interest by the withdrawal of "Akbar," the winner of the Derby, who had met with an accident. This accident is regretted the more for the sake of "Akbar's" popular owner, the Hon. Captain Stewart.

THE Governor General in Council has ruled that if an uncovenanted servant overstay his privilege leave by more than one week, he shall forfeit his appointment; but that it shall be in the power of the authority in whose gift the appointment lies to re-appoint him, and to declare that his past services shall not be forfeited, or to re-appoint him and to declare that all or any part of his past services shall be forefeited. Provided that if the period by which the leave is overstayed be more than one month, and it be desired to re-appoint the officer without forfeiture of his entire previous services, the sanction of the Government of India must be obtained.

THE Resident at Hyderabad, in a letter dated 15th December 1869, reported to the Government of India certain arrangements which have been made by the Government of the Nizam for the better government of His Highness' territories, and forwarded a copy of a Gazette which had been lately established, together with a translation of the more important portions. The Governor General in Council has expressed cordial approval of the arrangements reported, and desired that an expression of the satisfaction of the Government of India might be communicated to Sir Salar Jung and the Ameer-i-Kubeer. The translations sent have been published in the "Gazette of India."

THERE was a public meeting at Madras on the 3rd instant *apropos* of the expected visit of the Duke of Edinburgh. Sir C. H. Scotland occupied the chair, and resolutions were passed appointing a committee to arrange for a fitting reception and determining that subscriptions should be collected to pay the expenses. The subscription list was not passed round at the meeting, it being proposed to defer that interesting part of the proceedings till the committee should have decided what was to be done. In moving the first of the resolutions, Sir Adam Bittlestone observed—"The public of Madras should be moderate in their expectations and expenses. The Duke when he arrives in Madras will probably have seen the grand harbour at Bombay. Madras could not boast of a fine harbour (bear, hear,) nor was it a magnificent city. The buildings were by no means grand, and they were in a great way scattered. So that Sir Adam was of opinion that Madras owing to the scattered nature of its buildings was not capable of being effectively illuminated as Calcutta was and Bombay might be. The object of the Madras community should be to select a certain portion of Madras, say the Madras Club, and make it as attractive and festive and pretty as possible, and the steamer of the 5th March.—*Pioneer*.

IN this place well decorated, they should offer their tribute of loyalty and regard to the Prince who was to visit the city. With regard to the nature of the entertainment which should be given to the Duke, Sir Adam was sure all would agree with him that details should be left to be decided by the committee." The Hon'ble J. B. Norton ventilated his idea in favour of scholarships as opposed to fireworks, but received very little support. An intelligent native gentleman named Chengulroy Naicker, who was decidedly in favour of gunpowder honours, brought the proceedings to an interesting termination, by remarking, amidst applause and laughter,—"As to scholarships, what were they?—they could do no good—there would be no show by them—they would make the land dull."

THE SUEZ CANAL.

A CORRESPONDENT in Egypt has sent us the following list of the vessels which passed through the canal up to January 14th :—

VESSELS FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN.

1.	Asie, (Fraissinet)	to Bombay.
2.	Godavery, (Messageries)	to China.
3.	Brazilian,	to Bombay.
4.	Queen of the South,	to Bombay.
5.	Danube,	to Bombay.
6.	Stirling,	to Bombay.
7.	Leith,	to Bombay.
8.	Blue Cross,	to Calcutta.
9.	Rocket,	to Calcutta.
10.	Fox,	to Calcutta.
11.	Nan Sing,	to Calcutta.
12.	Cleutor,	to Calcutta.
13.	Mauritius,	to Calcutta.
14.	Babel,	to Red Sea.
15.	Malta,	to Zanzibar.
16.	Lakana,	to Yokohama.
17.	Europe,	to Bombay.
18.	Prussian Frigate,	to Japan.
19.	Spanish Frigate,	to Manilla.
20.	Ville d' Algus-mortes (sailing)	to Zanzibar.
20.	Noel (sailing)	to India.

VESSELS FROM THE RED SEA.

Alphee,	(Messageries)	from China.
Erymanthe,	do.	from Reunion.
Asie	(Fraissinet)	from Bombay.

BOMBAY RACES, 1870.

ENTRIES.—THURSDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY.

H. H. ALI SHAH'S CUP.

Mr. Field's..... b a h Long Hope.
H. H. Aga Khan's. b a c Shere Ali.
„ g a h Nicholas.

GALLOWAY HANDICAP.

Mr. Field's..... g a g King David.
„ na..... g a g Hopshee.
Mr. Williams' .... b a g Lottery.
Major Crosbie's.... g a g Electric.

THE DRAWING ROOM STAKES.

H. H. Aga Khan's g a h Nicholas.
Mr. Field's..... b a h Sunbeam.
„ ..... c a c Glencoe.
Abdool Raymon's... g a h Greybeard.

THE HACK HANDICAP.

Mr. Kessowjee's... g c m Baby Blake.
Mr. B's..... b c m The Lively Spin.
Major Chesshyre's.. b a h Chance.

THE WORLER STAKES.

Mr. Field's..... b a h The Aga.
Major Crosbie's .. g a h Bluebeard.
H. Abdool Wahab's g a h Nadirsha.

THE CHINA MAIL.

[BY INDIAN TELEGRAPH.]

GALLE, 8TH FEBRUARY.

THE steamer Ellora has arrived; she left Hongkong on the 25th January, Singapore on 1st, and Penang on the 3rd February.

The correspondence between the French Minister and the Viceroy of Nanking has been published, in which M. De Rochechovart's conduct contrasts favourably with the shameful neglect of the late British Minister.

Two memorials condemning the convention concluded by Sir R. Alcock with the Chinese Government have left by this mail.

MILITARY ORDERS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

ENSIGNS P. J. MAITLAND AND W. ASHFIELD, of H M.'s 95th Foot, have been admitted to the Staff Corps, on probation.

SERGEANT ROBERT RICHARDSON, of the Barrack Department, has been granted furlough to Europe for two years, on medical certificate.

CAPTAIN CHARLES HENRY HUNTER, having completed twenty years' service, has been promoted to the rank of Major from the 31st ult., subject to H. M.'s approval.

LIEUTENANT JOHN GRAHAM MCRAE, having completed twelve years' service, has been promoted to the rank of Captain from the 2nd inst., subject to Her Majesty's approval.

MAJOR ALEXANDER YOUNG SHORTT, having completed twenty-six years' service, has been promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel from the 1st instant, subject to Her Majesty's approval.

CONDUCTOR R. A. DAWSON, Army Commissariat Department, Calcutta, has obtained furlough to Europe for twenty months, on medical certificate, under the furlough regulations of 1868.

LIEUT.-COLONEL A. H. TERNAN, Bengal Staff Corps, Deputy Commissioner for Jalloun, has been allowed furlough to Europe for two years, on medical certificate, under the furlough regulations of 1868.

CAPTAIN E. H. ASHE, Staff Corps, has been permitted to proceed to Europe, on medical certificate, under rule 13 of the furlough regulations of 1868, for the purpose of appearing before a medical board in England.

DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF HOSPITALS R. H. RENNICK, Madras Medical establishment, has been granted furlough to Europe for six months, on medical certificate, under the furlough regulations of 1854.

DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERALS OF HOSPITAL J. W WARD has been allowed furlough to Europe on private affairs, for two years, from date of departure in April next, under rule 9 of the furlough regulations of 1868.

CAPTAIN STEPHEN WILLIAM OGILVIE STEVEN, Cadre 3rd Regiment Light Cavalry, having completed twenty years' service, has been promoted to the rank of Major by brevet, from 31st January 1870, subject to H. M.'s approval.

COLONEL E. C. BEALE, Commandant 22nd Regiment N. I., has been appointed to act on the Brigade Staff, with the temporary rank of Brigadier General, during the absence of Brigadier General Forbes, C.B., on furlough on medical certificate, or until further orders.

THE furlough to Europe granted in G. O. No. 38 of the 13th January last, to Colonel W. F. Marriott, C.S.I., Secretary to Government in the Military, Marine, Ecclesiastical and Indo-European Telegraph Departments, has been cancelled; and that officer has been allowed privilege leave for three months, from the 13th Jan.

THE G. O. No. 789, dated 24th November 1869, has been cancelled, and the following has been substituted with effect from the same date :—Col. C. Adams, H. M.'s 40th Regiment, has been appointed a Brigadier General on the establishment, in succession to Brigadier General Domville, proceeded with his brigade to Europe.

THE LATEST PROGRAMME.

WE have seen many different dates very positively set down for the opening of the Jubbulpore extension of the G. I. P. Railway, but in reality the matter has only just been decided. The Viceroy and the Countess of Mayo, attended by Major Burne, the Hon'ble Major Bourke, and Captain Lockwood, will leave Calcutta on the 23rd February and reach Jubbulpore on the 25th. They will start on the same day for Nagpore. On the 3rd March His Excellency will open the Khangaon State Railway, and then proceed, attended by Major Burne, to visit the Hingunghat cotton district and the Chanda coal-fields, returning to Jubbulpore, where he will be met by the Duke of Edinburgh, on the 7th. The G. I. P. Railway will probably be opened on the same day. The Viceroy will then return to Calcutta, and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh proceed on his journey to Bombay. The Countess of Mayo, accompanied by Major Bourke, will have proceeded direct from Nagpore to Bombay, in order to leave by the steamer of the 5th March.—*Pioneer*.

THE FEMALE INFANTICIDE BILL.

THE following Bill was introduced into the Council of the Governor General of India for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations on the 4th February, and was referred to a select committee with instructions to make their report thereon in one month.

No. 4 OF 1870.

A BILL FOR THE PREVENTION OF FEMALE INFANTICIDE.

Whereas the offence of female infanticide is believed to be commonly committed in certain parts of British India, and whereas it is necessary to make better provision for the prevention of the said offence; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. For the purposes of this Act, "district" means such part of the country or place as shall be described in the notification mentioned in section two :

"Marriage expenses" includes all expenses incurred on account of the celebration of marriage, or of any ceremony or custom connected therewith.

2. If it shall appear to the local Government that the offence of female infanticide is commonly committed in any district, or by any class, or family, or persons residing therein, it shall be lawful for the local Government, with the previous sanction of the Governor General of India in Council, to declare, by notification to be published in the official Gazette, and in such other manner as the local Government shall direct, that measures for the prevention of such offence shall be taken under this Act, in such district, or in respect of such class, or family, or persons.

The notification shall define the limits of such district or shall specify the class, or family, or persons to whom such notification is to be deemed to apply.

3. When such notification shall have been published as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the local Government, subject to the provisions of section four, from time to time to make rules consistent with this Act, for all or any of the following purposes :—

(1.) For making and maintaining registers of births, marriages, and deaths occurring in such district, or in or among the class, family, or persons to whom such notification has been made applicable; and of making, from time to time, a census of such persons, or of any other persons residing within such district :

(2.) For the entertainment of any police force in excess of the ordinary fixed establishment of police, or for the entertainment of any officers or servants, for the purpose of preventing or detecting the offence of female infanticide in such district, or in or among such class, family, or persons, or for carrying out any of the provisions of this Act :

(3.) For prescribing how information shall be given to the proper officers of all births, marriages, and deaths occurring in such district, or in or among such class, family, or persons :

(4.) For the regulation and limitation of marriage expenses which may be incurred by any person to whom such notification is applicable :

(5.) For defining the duties of any officer or servant appointed to carry out any rule made under this section :

(6.) For regulating the manner in which all or any of the expenses incurred in carrying into effect rules made under this section shall be recovered from all or any of the inhabitants of such district, or from the persons to whom such notification is applicable.

4. No rule made or altered under section three shall have effect until the same shall have been confirmed by the Governor General in Council and published in the *Gazette of India* and also in the local Gazette. Copies of every such rule shall be affixed in such places, and shall be distributed in such manner as the local Government may direct.

5. All Courts and Magistrates shall take judicial notice of all rules made and published as aforesaid.

6. Whoever disobeys any such rule shall, on conviction before the magistrate of the district or other officer exercising the powers of a magistrate, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

7. Nothing in this Act, or in any rule made and published as aforesaid, shall prevent any person from being prosecuted under any other law for any offence punishable under this Act, or from being liable under any other law to any other punishment than is provided for such offence by this Act. Provided that no person shall be punished twice for the same offence.

8. If it shall appear to the magistrate of the district that any person to whom the notification mentioned in section two is applicable, neglects to make proper provision for the maintenance of any female child for whose maintenance he is legally responsible, and it shall appear to such magistrate that the life or health of such child is thereby endangered, it shall be lawful for such magistrate to place such child under such supervision as he may think proper, and, if necessary, to remove such child from the custody of such person.

Nothing in this section shall interfere with the powers of magistrates under section 316 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

9. This Act shall, in the first instance, extend only to the North-Western Provinces, to the Punjab, and to Oudh; but it may be extended, by order of the Governor General of India in Council, to any part of the territories under the immediate administration of the Government of India, or by order of the Governor of Madras in Council, or by order of the Governor of Bombay in Council, or by order of the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal, to any part of the territories under their respective governments.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The object of this Bill is to prevent female infanticide, a crime which has long been practised in India, especially by the Rajputs of the north of India. Two Regulations (XXI. of 1795 and III. of 1804) were directed against this crime. But they were found to be ineffective, and were at last repealed by Act XVII. of 1862. The existing law, which is contained in the Penal Code, is acknowledged on all hands to be quite insufficient. Recent investigations prove that the crime is terribly prevalent. For example, in 1868, by order of the Lieutenant Governor of the North-Western Provinces, Mr. Hobart examined a group of ten villages in the district of Basti inhabited by Rajputs, and in seven of them he found 104 boys and only one girl, and the people admitted that, for the previous ten years, only one girl had been married. In another group of twenty-seven villages, he found, in twenty-three villages, 284 boys, but only 23 girls, and in ten other villages he found that the marriage of a girl was an unknown ceremony. Again, there was another group of sixteen villages, in four of which no girls existed; and in nine other villages there were 71 boys and seven girls.

The cause of the crime is two-fold : first, the enormous cost of marriage-ceremonies, which are invariably defrayed by the father of the bride; secondly, the effect of immemorial custom. The remedial measures must also be two-fold; and the Bill accordingly proposes to give the local Governments power to frame rules, first, to prevent extravagant expenditure on marriages, and, secondly, to abrogate the custom above mentioned. The experience of many districts tends to show that this lattter object may to a great extent be attained by introducing a system of registration of births and deaths in places tainted with the crime, and a system of periodical inspection and enumeration of children. To do this completely and effectively, legislation is required. The Bill is very similar to one prepared by the Agra Sadr Court in 1856, and it has been, in all essential respects, approved by the local Governments of the provinces in which the crime prevails.

J. STRACHEY.

EGYPT is indeed a Land of Wonders. It seems that a brisk exportation of mummies and mummy bones has been going on for several years. And for what purpose? As manure for turnips in England! This, we think, is very indelicate treatment, and even Sir Thomas Browne, who protested he would not care if his "bones should be carved into pipes," or his "mummy used for plasters," would, we feel sure, have held it a tragical abomination that these ancient Egyptian gentlemen should be thus abused to the fertilizing of turnips and fattening of English sheep.—*Pioneer*.

WE believe that the notion that Frenchmen live principally on frogs is somewhat discredited in England at present, but the following would go to show that the creed of our grandfathers is not altogether without foundation even at the present day :—"The exportation of frogs to France," says the *Echo de Luxembourg*, "has developed considerably of late. A man named B., of Vance, has forwarded 200,000 in the last three weeks;

they profess to do, and we may say that in the Australian Colonies, China and Japan, they seem from the published accounts of their performances to have been very successful. Signor Abecco, besides being a harpist, we find described as a "powerful tenor;" and as an actor he played important parts in theatres of high standing—as for example the part of Henry Bertram in "Guy Mannering," in the same company as Lady Don, with whom he sang the popular "Echo Duet." Miss Annie Hill, another of the company, appears as actress, singer, and dancer, and from her successes elsewhere it may be hoped she will please the Bombay public.

THE Governor General of India in Council is pleased to notify that, until padlocks of a suitable description are available for issue, those of inferior quality now in use shall, on their becoming unserviceable from fair wear and tear, be replaced free of charge. This order [which is issued in the Military Department] is applicable to the three Presidencies.—*Gazette of India.*

WE learn that Major L'Estrange, the Assistant Commissary General of the Sind Division of the Army, will proceed shortly to England on furlough.—*Sindian*, Feb. 5.

WE understand that the Lord Bishop of Bombay, accompanied by Mrs. Douglas, and the Rev. W. C. F. Johnstone, Domestic Chaplain, return to Kurrachee to-day from Sukkur. His lordship and party will be the guests of Major-General Sir George Malcolm, K.C.B., during their stay in Kurrachee. The Bishop will preach at the services to-morrow in Trinity Church.—*Ibid.*

WE understand that Colonel H. T. Vincent, the Military Accountant at the Presidency, will proceed to England again on furlough next month. But for his having, unavoidably, overstayed the last leave he obtained, Colonel Vincent would have been the Controller of Military Accounts. The departure of this officer will cause several changes in the Military Account Department.—*Ibid.*

H. M. 2nd Queen's Regiment of Foot is expected to return to Poona early next month.—*Deccan Herald*, Feb. 9.

HIS HIGHNESS RAMCHUNDER RAO APPA SAHYB, Chief of Jamkhundee, returned to Poona from Bombay on Sunday last, and proceeded to Jumkhundee yesterday.—*Ibid*

WE hear that Captain Daubeny's Shikarree while on his way out to Damanwhar to mark game, got news of a panther at Singhur, where he immediately proceeded, and succeeded in killing it late on Saturday evening. It was a full grown panther about 6½ feet long. We believe that several sportsmen from Poona had been in search of this animal only a few days before, but had returned without success. The panther was carried into Poona on a pole by some natives.—*Ibid.*

SHIPPING ARRIVALS.

THE ship SAM MENDEL, Captain J. P. Murdoch, arrived yesterday from London with a general cargo.

THE ship ZULEIKA, Captain Charles Thomson, arrived yesterday from Liverpool with a cargo of coal.

THE ship LAMMERSHAGEN, Captain Georgensen, arrived yesterday from Glasgow with a cargo of railway material.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE ship Michael Scott, Captain R. Llewhellin, sailed from London on the 7th October 1869, and arrived at this port on the 8th instant. On her passage she spoke the following ships:—Oct. 28, ship Woolooomooloo, from London to Sydney, in lat. 15.51 N., long. 26.30 W.; ship Centaur, from Liverpool to Calcutta, in lat. 15.51 N., long 26.30 W. Nov. 4, ship Helewelee, from London to Auckland, in lat. 6.24 N., long. 23.36 W. Nov. 6, French barque Ernst Bemro, from Bordeaux to Buenos Ayres, in lat. 3.25 N., long. 21.18 W. Nov. 7, barque Zingra, from Cardiff to Cape Town, in lat. 2.16 N., long. 23.22 W. Nov. 15, Dutch barque Armin, from Glasgow to Melbourne, in lat. 18.36 N., long. 28.58 W. Feb. 2, ship Janet Cowan, from Bombay to Calcutta, in lat. 15.27 N., long. 73.8 E. Feb. 4, ship Helen Scott, from Liverpool to Bombay, in lat. 17.7 N., long. 72.47 E.; ship Tim Whiffler, from Liverpool to Bombay, in lat. 17.7 N., long. 72.47 E.

THE GREAT EASTERN.

LAST OPEN DAY.

THE short stay of the Great Eastern in our harbour is about to terminate, and there is only now one more opportunity for Bombay people to see the ship, which may never again visit us. The coaling of the ship will not be finished till Friday night, (when 8000 tons will have been put into her bunkers) and she will in all probability start on her voyage to Aden on Saturday. Even on the days when, in order to prevent the influx of visitors from interfering with the work on board, the ship has been "closed," large numbers of people have gone off, and these have to thank the courtesy of the officers for having been allowed to board the ship. It is scarcely fair to take so great advantage of the courtesy of the officers, as it must put them to some inconvenience. We are glad, however, to call attention to the fact that Captain Halpin, anxious to give every facility to the people of Bombay for visiting the vessel, has thrown open the ship to visitors to-day. This will be the *last* day on which visitors can be admitted *under any circumstances*, so that all who wish to see the internal arrangements of the great vessel must go on board to-day, or let slip what will probably be the last opportunity they will ever have of seeing her. Tickets for admission may be had at this office.

PROFESSOR BUSHELL.

PROFESSOR BUSHELL'S entertainment on Saturday in the Town Hall was well attended and was much appreciated by the audience, so much so, that a number of gentlemen have requested him to postpone his delay and to give one more performance. This performance will be given in the Town Hall to-night, and we are glad to inform our native friends that a private gallery at the end of the hall will be screened, so that native ladies will be able to see the performance while themselves unseen.

On Saturday the first experiment was the firing of guns from a fort and gunboats suspended on a rope over the stage. At the command of a boy from the audience the boats opened fire on the fort, which quickly responded, and some twenty or thirty shots were exchanged. At the close of the cannonade the British flag rose denoting victory, and a drum hung below the fort beat joyfully. The experiment was loudly applauded, and afforded a good idea of the utility of the agency employed—electricity. A number of rupees were then put into a small cash-box, and the box placed upon the stage. Mr. Bushell defied any one to lift it, offering the rupees as a reward if a man sufficiently strong could be found; many tried, but failed. Mr. Bushell after drinking the health of his audience, broke the bottle and from it produced a live pigeon, one which he had a few minutes previously, to all appearance, blown to pieces with a pistol. A watch, too, was apparently broken to atoms, the particles put into a pistol, and fired on to the back of a chair; the watch hung there as sound as ever. A very singular feat was performed with a heavy wooden ball which passed freely up and down a cord held vertically, perfectly under command; it was made to stop in any position the audience suggested. A head placed upon a table caused considerable excitement. It conversed with the Professor, sang, and presented an animated appearance, and not a little amusement was caused by a Parsee wishing to know if it were human. Spirit rapping closed the first part—by this several strange things were accomplished, such as the telling the time by any gentleman's watch no matter how the time was altered. Many other interesting mechanical feats were introduced in the first part of the entertainment. Then followed the biological experiments, which kept the audience in roars of laughter till the performance closed. Those who have not witnessed Professor Bushell's wonderful and amusing entertainment ought not to lose the opportunity to-night of spending a pleasant, and we may say, instructive evening.

MARAVILLA COCOA.—For Breakfast.—The *Globe* says—"Various importers and manufacturers have attempted to attain a reputation for their prepared Cocoas, but we doubt whether any thorough success had been achieved until Messrs. Taylor Brothers discovered the extraordinary qualities of 'Maravilla' Cocoa. Adapting their perfect system of preparation to this finest of all species of the Theobroma, they have produced an article which supersedes every other Cocoa in the market. Entire solubility, a delicate aroma, and a rare concentration of the purest elements of nutrition, distinguish the Maravilla Cocoa above all others. For Homœopathic and invalids we could not recommend a more agreeable or valuable beverage." Sold in packets only by all Grocers, of whom also may be had Taylor Brothers' Original Homœopathic Cocoa and Soluble Chocolate' Steam Mills—Brick Lane, London.

BOMBAY BRANCH OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY.

THE monthly meeting of the society will be held in its library rooms this day at 4 P.M.

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION.

On some Sanskrit Copper-Plates found in the Belgaum Collectorate. By J. Fleet, Esq., C.S.

ARRIVAL OF TROOPS FROM ENGLAND.

H. M.'s INDIAN TROOPSHIP MALABAR, Captain Rich, arrived here on Tuesday afternoon with troops from England. She brings in all 58 officers, 14 officers' wives, 1,010 men, 85 wives and 142 children, and these are to be distributed as under:—

For the BENGAL PRESIDENCY—21 men of the C Brigade R.H.A.; 1 officer, 93 men and 13 women of the 19th Brigade R.A.; 1 officer, 64 men and 5 women of the 22nd Brigade R.A.; 1 officer, 38 men and 4 women of the 24th Brigade R.A.; 1 officer and man of the 19th Hussars; 1 officer and 20 men of the 20th Hussars; 2 officers and 57 men of the 21st Hussars; 3 officers, 53 men and 4 women of the 1-6th Foot; 2 officers, 70 men and 7 women of the 41st Foot; 3 officers, 103 men and 4 women of the 85th Foot; 1 officer, 176 men and 4 women of the 104th Foot. Besides these there are smaller details of the A Brigade R. H. A.; B 9th Brigade R. A., the 4th and 15th Hussars and 1-11th Foot. These troops will proceed to-day to Deolalee and Nagpore, leaving by special trains.

For the MADRAS PRESIDENCY—1 officer and 27 men of the D Brigade R.H.A.; 1 officer and 35 men of the 20th Brigade R.A.; 1 officer and 28 men of the 23rd Brigade R.A.; and 1 officer and 32 men of the 3-60th Rifles. These troops will proceed to Beypore to-day in the s.s. Earl Canning.

For the BOMBAY PRESIDENCY—13 men of the D Brigade R.A.; 1 officer and 43 men of the E Brigade R.H.A.; 1 officer and 70 men of the 18th Brigade R.A.; 30 men of the 3rd Hussars; and 2 officers and 15 men of the 18th Hussars. These troops will proceed by rail to the general depôt, Poona, to-day.

The names of the officers brought by the Malabar are as follows:—

Lieutenant-Colonel C. P. Lane, 21st Hussars, Mrs. Lane and female servant; Lieut.-Colonel M. B. Forde 5th Brigade R. A.

Major R. Hale, 7th Hussars.

Surgeon and Mrs. A. Guthrie, 8th Brigade R.A.; Surgeon and Mrs. S. Roch, 55th Foot.

Captain and Mrs. G. O. Rybot, 22nd Brigade R.A.; Captain and Mrs. P. H. Harcourt, 21st Brigade R. A.; Captain and Mrs. G. M. Bradon, 85th Foot; Captain and Mrs. Budd, 6th Brigade R.A.; Captain and Mrs. G. H. Candy, 18th Brigade R.A.; Captain and Mrs. J. E. Hardy, 108th Foot; Captain and Mrs. C. C. Saxton, 20th Brigade R.A.; Captains E. Lloyd, 1/6th Foot; A. R. Pidrout, 5th Brigade R. A.; E. H. Pickering, 8th Brigade R.A.; W. J. Frampton, 59th Foot; E. C. Battiscombe, 18th Brigade R.A.; G. W. Thompson, 2/1st Foot—and Lieutenant E. C. Bolton, 6th Brigade R.A. who disembarked at Aden.

Lieutenant and Mrs. W. F. Nelson, 5th Brigade R.A.; Lieutenants J. B. Tyler, A Brigade R.H.A.; L. Downes, 8th Brigade R.A.; H. W. Rooke, 6th Brigade R.H.A.; A. N. Pearse, 23rd Brigade R.A.; E. M. T Stokes, 104th Foot; A. D. Currie, 41st Foot; G. W. H. Crofton, 2/60th Rifles; W. S. Greene, 19th Hussars; R. G. Kennedy, 18th Hussars; E. St. C. Wray, 6th Brigade R. A.; E. B. Stainbridge, 5th Brigade R.A.; R. H. S. Baker, 22nd Brigade R.H.A. F. W. H. Miles, 22nd Brigade R.A.; J. L. Young, 3rd Hussars; R. T. Frere, R.E.; W. North, R.E.; Navigating Lieutenant John Phillips, R.N.

Ensigns F. F. Rudman, 41st Foot; E. H. Boden, 85th Foot; H. Featherstonhaugh, 3-60th Rifles; C. H. Collette, 85th Foot; E. H. C. Scott, 1-6th Foot; W. E. G. Forbes, 1-6th Foot; J. E. F. Gordon, 58th Foot.

Cornets H. A. Wetherall, 20th Hussars; F. W. Benson, 21st Hussars; W. B. Wilson, 4th Hussars.

Staff Assistant Surgeons R. G. Fitzgerald (and Mrs. Fitzgerald), J. Doran, P. Shepherd, G. R. Triphook, J. Scanlon, J. J. Crean, G. Carry, F. A. Davy, F. G. Ayde Curran; Assistant Surgeon and Mrs. A. C. Bartley, 19th Brigade R.A.

Quarter Master R. Davies, 76th Foot.

The Malabar will leave Bombay for Suez on the 21st instant with the 102nd Regiment from the Bengal Presidency (77 men only of that regiment leaving with the Jumna on the 15th) and with other details from the Bombay and Bengal presidencies.

FORT POLICE COURT.—9TH FEBRUARY.

(Before NANA MOROJEE, Esq.)

ASSAULT.—Oratio Openshaw, a guard in the employ of the G. I. P. Railway Company, was charged with committing an assault against the person of Caitan D'Souza, at the Trinity Chapel yesterday. Complainant was passing along the Sonapore road yesterday, when the defendant came up to him and gave him a blow on the left cheek bone and kicked him on his left side. He raised an alarm, the police came, and the defendant was arrested. The magistrate convicted the defendant and fined him twelve rupees, out of which eight rupees to go to the complainant.

REFUSAL OF DUTY.—Dennis Doyle and two other seamen of the British ship Jane Avery, were charged with wilful disobedience of lawful commands in refusing to do duty on board the ship, and were each sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for a fortnight.

GIRGAUM POLICE COURT.—9TH FEBRUARY.

(Before R. H. SHOWELL, Esq.)

THEFT.—Govind Namana was charged with stealing gold and silver ornaments, value Rs. 49, and was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for six months.

HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH JANUARY.

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice GIBBS and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice MELVILL.)

THE QUEEN VS. PANDOO MOORAREE.

MURDER AT SATARA.

At a Court of Criminal Sessions held at Satara, before Mr. R. F. Mactier, Session Judge, Pandoo Mooraree, aged thirty years, committed by Mr. Dhunjeebhoy Cowasjee, full-power magistrate in the district of Satara, was charged with the murder of one Crushna Hurree. The facts of the case are these:—On the night of the 25th October last, Crushna Hurry, who resided in the hamlet of Bhoorulwaddy, under Veetai, talooka Khanapoor, went to sleep under a "mandaw" (canopy) in his new house. In the middle of the night an alarm was raised from the place, when people went there and found that Crushna was lying insensible on a cot, and blood ran out of his head, thereby wetting the clothes which were on him. On the receipt of information the police came from Veetai and made enquiry on the spot. There was a transverse wound on Crushna's head, measuring about six fingers long and one and a half finger broad; and some fluid with blood had come out from that part, and he was not able to speak. The nature of the wound showed that it must have been made with some stick having a iron ring attached to it. Three days after the assault Crushna died. The corpse was at once sent to the Hospital Assistant in charge of the medical dispensary at Khurrad; and the *post mortem* examination held by that officer showed that the deceased died from the wound on his head. The evidence of Rajoo, wife of Ranoo, and her son Dhondee, shows that when they went to the deceased on hearing the uproar, Buya, wife of Sudoo, was there crying, and even complained that her nephew Pandoo Mooraree (accused) had not only beaten the deceased on his head, but even assaulted her on both her shoulders; and the marks were noticed the next morning by the Punch. The accused confessed to the police that as the deceased carried on a criminal intercourse with his aunt, Buya, wife of Sudoo, he assaulted him. He produced the very stick with which he committed the deed. The stick was bent at one end and had a large red stain on it, but whether that stain was of blood or anything else the Court was unable to say. Buya, however, declared that the accused had employed the same stick on the occasion, and that it was in his house. The accused also confessed that the stick appertained to him, and that he found it on the road last year on his way back home from Bombay.

The Court, concurring with the assessors, found the accused guilty of the offence, and sentenced him to death.

The High Court, on a review of the proceedings, declined to confirm the sentence of death passed upon the accused, and sentenced him to be transported for life.

FOR some years past the "Times" has persistently forced upon its readers a novel spelling of certain words, with the apparent expectation that the innovation would be universally adopted. One of these words was diocese, which, in whatever part of the paper it might occur, was, for several years past, spelt dioces. Perhaps the leading journal has seen the error of its spelling, if not of its ways; or, perchance, the compositors may have been affected by the near approach of the genial Christmas season. Any way, in a leading article in the "Times" of December 23, 1869 (on the subject of the Ecumenical Council!), we again meet with our long-lost Friend "dioces."—*Once a Week.*

"A Ballet Girl" writes to the "Times" to seek protection by making public the hardship that she and her companions undergo at Christmas time. She says that the smiling fairies we see dispersed aloft in the transformation scene of a pantomime are strapped to iron bars and compelled to look happy under pain of dismissal. This part of the nightly performance she calls "the terrible ten minutes," and most heartily do we sympathise with her terrors. We have always thought that it must be a dreadful ordeal for a poor girl to undergo to be hoisted up, perhaps fifty feet, and suspended in mid air, and we only hope that the Lord Chamberlain may see this ballet girl's letter, and may not think it derogatory to his dignity to follow its advice.—*Once a Week.*

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 9th Feb., 1-24 P.M.—Cable communication perfect to Fao; Turkish line right to Pera; Persian line, state unknown. Latest dates from Great Britain via Turkey, 3rd February, 1-40 P.M., via Russia, 3rd February, 11-45 P.M.

INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAPH.

THE following dates of private telegrams were received at the Bombay Telegraph Office during the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday evening:—

United Kingdom, via Russia, 31st January and 1st February.

Continent of Europe, via Tuskey, 5th and 7th Feb.

Continent of Europe, via Russia, 4th and 5th Feb.

From Alexandria, 7th February.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 8 P.M. of the 8th February to 8 P.M. of the 9th February is as follows:—

To Bombay	Max.	Min.
From Kurrachee	15 48	4 20
" Calcutta	5 34	0 8
" Madras	9 50	3 35

Communication between Bombay and Kurrachee perfect on one line.

Undelivered messages in the Bombay Signal Office—
Sataluthany Saite, from Avanashy, Belgaum.
Lewis, Manager Agra Bank, from Kohat.
Narsoo, Sudder Bazaar, from Nagpore.
Govuntha Tilloo, from Alleppey.
Bhimacharee Gulgulee, from Dharwar.
Hormusjee Mody, from Calcutta.
Colonel Trevelyan, 7th Hussars, from Meean Meer.
Lord Marcus Beresford, 7th Hussars, from Delhi

FALSE CHARGE OF FORGING GOVERNMENT PROMISSORY NOTES.

IN the Criminal Sessions yesterday, before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bayley and a common jury, Syud Abdoola Mahomed and Mugdoombux Kureembux were charged with having on the 24th December placed a box containing instruments for forging Government notes for Rs. 10 and also seventeen forged documents purporting to be Government notes of Rs. 10 in the dwelling-house of Mahomedbux Muloobux with intent to cause him to be convicted of forging documents purporting to be Government notes for Rs. 10. Besides, being both charged as principals, No. 2 was charged with committing the above offence and No. 1 with having abetted it.

Mr. Starling appeared for the prosecution and Dr. Barton in defence of Syud.

Mr. Starling in opening the case for the prosecution said, that from the facts of the case he would have to lay before the jury, it would appear that a certain circumstance had been caused to exist,—that one or other of the prisoners took a box to the house of Mahomedbux and that the box contained forged notes and plates from which it was intended that forged notes should be printed. The evidence would show that the second prisoner was the man who actually conveyed the box and that the other aided and abetted him in that. It would appear that No. 1 either knew beforehand that that act was to be done or that he actually instigated it, and the intent with which that act was done would also appear from the acts of that prisoner. It would also be shown that the matter had been meditated by the first prisoner for a long time for as far back as July last year he put himself in communication with a subedar of police, telling him that he would be able to lead him to a place where he would see the process of forging notes at work. Nothing was done, however, till December when the first prisoner took the subedar to Mahomedbux's house and told him that in this house would be found a box with implements necessary for the forgery of notes—and from this fact it was evident that the prisoners intended that the circumstance which they had caused to exist should be used as evidence in a judicial proceeding against the man in whose house the box was placed. The subedar went to the house and found the box which contained forged notes, two or three plates with portions of notes on them, and ink for the printing of the notes. The persons in whose house the box was found were of course taken into custody and after enquiries were made it was found out, as he should prove by the evidence laid before them, that the box did not belong to the owners of the house and that they had nothing to do with it, but that it had been taken there that afternoon by the second prisoner who asked that it might remain there a few hours while he went to get ghee and sugar after eating which he would go on his journey; and he thought it would appear from the evidence that the persons who were first taken into custody were innocent as regarded the box and its contents. There seemed to have been some cause for this conduct on the part of the prisoners though that had been inadequate for such proceedings. He did not know exactly how it would come out, but it seemed that No. I prisoner had wished the man in whose house the box was placed to give up his wife to him. Mahomedbux very naturally refused to comply with this, and so the man seemed to have contrived this way to get this innocent man out of the way and get his wife into his possession. There was another charge against the first prisoner—that he had given false information to a public servant in order that he might use his power to the injury of a third party. That he did give information was undoubted and the jury would be able to infer the consequence from what was the result of the information and what would have been the result thereof if it had not been found out that the whole plot was fabricated.

Meer Abdool Ali, detective subedar, was the first witness and he spoke to the statement made to him by the first prisoner that he would show him the forgery at work. Afterwards however the man said he would not see the work but he would let him know when the articles were ready. In cross-examination this prisoner said he had known the prisoner Syud for many years but he had never been in the service of the police. Only two men had been convicted of forgery, at Surat, through Syud's agency. Witness had been told by several persons that the box never was in Mahomedbux's house till it was brought there by No. 2. He had never before this case heard anything of a row between Mahomedbux and the first prisoner as to the wife of the former, but he had since heard of that. Had the information given by Syud been correct he would have got a reward from Government, whereas it was dismissed by Mr. Edginton without being taken before a magistrate.

Further evidence was given as to proceedings of the police and the quarrel between Mahomed Bux and the first prisoner, which it seemed had been occasioned by Syud sending for Mahomedbux's wife and wishing her to leave her husband, on a promise that he would keep her and supply her with gold and silver ornaments. He then threatened on his quarrel with Mahomedbux to give him trouble and he was supposed to have been connected in an assault on Mahomedbux one night for which two of the four men were sent to prison by the magistrate. The case was clear as against the first prisoner but as to the second it seemed that in carrying the box he had only been acting under the instructions of the other.

Dr. Barton briefly addressed the jury and the Judge then summed up after which the jury acquitted the second prisoner but found the first guilty of fabricating false evidence.

The Judge then passed sentence in doing which he said; Syud Abdoola Mahomed, you have been convicted on the clearest possible evidence of a most infamous attempt to get up a case against an unfortunate individual who never wronged you in the slightest degree, on the contrary whose wife you attempted basely to obtain from him. I entertain no doubt whatever it was at your instigation the four individuals came and beat Mahomedbux and his wife in consequence of which was that two of them were sentenced to imprisonment by the magistrate. Had your device not been seen through by that experienced gentleman Mr. Edginton, and had Mahomedbux been tried and convicted he would have been liable to be transported for life, and the offence of which you are just now most properly convicted by the jury also subjects you to the extreme penalty of transportation for life. I am disinclined to pass severe sentences save in exceptionally heinous cases and notwithstanding your cruelty and revengeful conduct towards this man who had not offended you in any manner I shall pass a very much lighter sentence. You must bear in mind that if you are ever brought up again on any charge you will be very severely dealt with, and I think the interests of justice will be satisfied if I pass the sentence which I now proceed to do, and that is that you be kept at rigorous imprisonment for the period of three years. I entirely concur with the verdict of the jury with reference to the second prisoner and I believe you have made use of him as an innocent agent for the purpose of enabling you to carry out your nefarious designs against the future life of Mahomedbux.

The Sessions were then adjourned till to-day.

THE *Japan Times* announces an event of much importance to that empire. The Mikado has concluded a contract with Mr. H. N. Lay, C.E., for the construction of a railway from Yeddo to Osaka, a distance of some 300 miles. Mr. Lay represents, we are told, a few capitalists who have entrusted him with large sums of money to be lent to the Japanese Government for the construction of reproductive public works, and of these he advances one million sterling to the Mikado for the construction of the line above-mentioned. The railway is to be built by English engineers and will be the property, of course, of the Japanese Government.

THE INSOLVENCY OF NOWROJEE RUSTOMJEE MOTABHOY.

DECISIONS BY MR. JUSTICE GIBBS.

As we briefly mentioned on Tuesday, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Gibbs gave judgment on Monday in regard to the insolvency of Nowrojee Rustomjee Motabhoy. His Lordship first disposed of the preliminary matter—an application by Dhunjeebhoy Cursetjee Shroff, who was entered as a debtor to the estate for Rs. 32,345 to have his name struck off from the list of debtors and entered amongst the creditors for the sum of Rs. 1,88,053,—and in deciding that,

The Commissioner said—It appears that insolvent's father and Dhunjeebhoy Cursetjee Shroff had dealings together on two accounts marked in the accompaniments to this application A and B. As during the course of the argument Mr. Branson withdrew the account B, it will only be necessary to notice that marked A, which purports to be an account between Dhunjeebhoy Cursetjee Shroff and Rustomjee Nowrojee, Hormusjee Cursetjee and others, trading under the name and firm of Hormusjee Cursetjee and Co., and subsequently Rustomjee Nowrojee on his own account.

It will be necessary to allude to the facts of the case to show the relative position of the parties. R. Motabhoy, the father of the insolvent, died in the year 1852, leaving his son a minor—and by will, under which all the property excepting a sum of 8,000 was left to the insolvent, his mother Peerozbaee, and Dhunjeebhoy Cursetjee Shroff were appointed executrix and executor. It appears that the widow who alone obtained probate in the first instance and for some years managed the estate, made one payment on 7th June 1854 of Rs. 2,345, and another on 23rd January 1855 of Rs. 30,000 to D. C. Shroff. Matters went on amicably until the end of 1860 and beginning of 1861, when the widow wished to have the sum repaid and brought an action on the plea side of the then Supreme Court against D. C. Shroff on 10th July 1861 to recover it. It is alleged that D. C. shroff then took out probate as executor to enable him to put in a techincal defence, viz., that the action would not lie being between executrix and executor; and this defence being held good, a non-suit was entered under date 7th March 1862; on which widow Peerozbaee filed a bill on the equity side of the Court on the 12th July following, and to this the minor son, insolvent, was added as a co-defendant. This equity suit is still on the files of the Court. A reference to arbitration was made in October 1865, but no award was arrived at, and it is alleged D. C. Shroff withdrew his submission. Insolvent came of age on 31st July 1864, and by terms of the will the estate came into his hands and the executrix's and executor's duties ceased.

It is asserted on behalf of insolvent that D. C. Shroff's claim under account A is barred, that the latest day of payment in the said account is 15th May 1834, save the dispute items, which, it is alleged, were in the nature of a loan and not a payment of account. It is clear from the statement A that all trading between the parties had virtually ceased as far back as 31st July 1834 as from that date up to 31st July 1860 when the account is closed no item but those of the balance brought down and the interest thereon appears, save 1854 and 1855, when the two disputed items are entered.

When the plea side action was filed in 1861 the law of limitation in force in the then Supreme Court was Act XIV. of 1840, and Peerozbaee filed her plaint just within the six years allowed for such claims, and the provisions of section 4 would be applicable to any set-off pleaded by D. C. Shroff,—but that suit ended in 1862, and at that time the bill in equity was filed the present law of limitation, Act XIV. of 1859, was in force, by the 14th section of which "the time during which the claimant shall have been engaged in prosecuting a suit, upon the same cause of action against the same defendant * * * *bona fide* and with due diligence in any court of judicature which from defect of jurisdiction or other cause shall have been unable to decide upon it * * * shall be excluded from such computation." Peerozbaee's claim may therefore in the equity suit have been saved the bar owing to the plea side action filed in 1861;—but is this the case as regards D. C. Shroff? The question for decision is, whether D. C. Shroff could now maintain his action on the account current A. This account was as above stated really closed in 1834, and the only grounds set up for saving the bar are (1) a part payment by Peerozbaee, viz., of the disputed items in 1855, and (2) that the proceedings in the plea side action and equity suit save the bar. As regards the former I think that any claim by D. C. Shroff must date from the year 1834 when the transactions between the parties ceased and that the cause of action then accrued. Now, although a part payment would have saved the statute under the old law of limitation, I do not think that the present law of limitation allows part payment to give a new cause of action. The observations of the Chief Justice and Judges of the Madras High Court in the cases Khwajee Muhamed Jumla vs. Venkatarayer and another, and Ragu vs. Richardson, reported in II. Madras High Court Reports, pages 77 and 84, show the grounds on which they based their opinion on this point, and I entirely agree with what is there stated.

On the second ground—the effect of the plea side action and the equity suit as enabling D. C. Shroff to take advantage of the fourth section of the present limitation sec. XIV. of 1859,—I must rule in favour of the insolvent and against D. C. Shroff. The words of the fourth section of the Act have been quoted above, and by them it is necessary that he should show he had prosecuted the same claim and with due diligence in a court of judicature.

In both the plea side action and equity suit he was defendant, and although he pleaded a set-off in the former and filed a counter-claim in his reply to the latter, I do not consider that either can be said to come under the term "prosecuting a claim." D. C. Shroff has taken no means to enforce his right to recover, he has remained from 1834 up to the present time without filing any suit, and only when sued by the executrix does he any way ask for his money to be repaid. His technical defence procured a nonsuit in the plea side action; had the set-off also pleaded been gone into I am not aware that a defence of that nature would, had it been established, have done more than obtain a decree respecting plaintiff's claim. It would not have enabled defendant to get a decree for what was due to him, and therefore I do not think it a proceeding which would save claim under the present law. The 4th section of Act XIV of 1840, then in force, enabled a plaintiff to plead that a set-off was barred, but there was no law that I am aware of which rendered a set-off to be considered a claim as the present Civil Procedure Code does.

I do not therefore think the plea side action saved the claim of D. C. Shroff from being barred, and, such being the case, the statute which, even supposing it commenced to run against this claim only in 1855, would have barred the claim before the equity suit was filed in 1862, and I therefore consider that D. C. Shroff could not now sue to recover the debt and I must refuse to place his name in the list of creditors. As regards the claim against him in the schedule, I do not see that I am called on to decide on its validity. It will be for the official assignee to sue for it or not as he may be advised.

The application is rejected with costs.

The Commissioner then gave judgment on the petition of the insolvent, and in doing so said:—

The insolvent in this case is the son of the late R. N. Motabhoy, who died in 1851, leaving a widow and an only son, the insolvent, then a minor, and by will left nearly all his property to his said son and appointed his wife Peerozbaee and Mr. D. C. Shroff executrix and executor and guardians of his minor son. The mother appears to have been in sole management of the estate up to July 1864 when the insolvent came of age and succeeded to it. It is valued at about Rs. 18,50,000. The insolvent then entered into partnership with Jeela and Josawa as general merchants and brokers. Between this date and the close of 1868 he succeeded in losing his entire property and now seeks the benefit of the Act to relieve him from further liabilities.

He is opposed by three of the creditors in the schedule, viz.—No. 4, Mr. Roonan, the Liquidator of the Central India Financial Association; No. 8, Dorabjee Wadya, the assignee of an alleged debt due from insolvent's firm to the estate of Atmaram Mahadoojee who took the benefit of Act XXVIII of 1865, and No. 9, Heeralal Hurjeevun, the purchaser of a claim against the insolvent's firm by the Financial Association of India and China.

These three creditors though separately represented have filed the same grounds of opposition and have throughout acted in the same manner. The grounds of opposition are very numerous, but it will be only necessary to notice those which were put forward by Mr. Marriott in his opening speech. They consist, 1st, of a mortgage by insolvent to one Pestonjee Aspandiarjee which is alleged to be a fraudulent transaction and the circumstances of the case, including the grant to his mother of certain moveable and immoveable property under the deed dated the 25th of April 1867 (F) and the payment to her of Rs. 15,000 on the 12th of October 1868, tainted with fraud; 2ndly, items which the books show as paid to Acland, Prentis and Bishop, but which do not appear in the accounts of that firm filed in the case (H. H.); 3rdly, concealment of books, viz., an English ledger of insolvent's firm and an account book of his own called the "B. book" and the books of receipts of rents of his landed estate; 4thly, concealment of sixteen time-bargain contracts; 5thly, vexatious defence in two suits, viz., that brought by the Central India Financial Association and that filed by the opposing creditor Heeralal; and 6thly, no particulars of the payments by Messrs. Rodgie and Prentis of the sum of 11½ lakhs, and by Messrs. Acland, Prentis and Bishop of 3⅔ lakhs; and 7thly, a further ground subsequently mentioned is the absence from his schedule of any mention of Government notes, value 2,70,000, a portion of his father's estate.

I will deal with the second and the following grounds of objection before proceeding to consider the first and principal ground. With regard to the 2nd ground, the discrepancies between insolvent's books and the accounts of Messrs. Acland, Prentis and Bishop, I consider the opposition has not succeeded in proving any discrepancy which will affect the insolvent's discharge. The three principal items relied on are marked N. O., and P. (N.) is a sum of Rs. 3,400 paid, under date the 29th of March 1866, to the Central India Financial Corporation, with reference to this, Mr. Roonan was called and stated that no such amount had been paid to him on that or on any other date, but his accounts showed that on the 28th of March a sum of Rs. 20,000 had been paid to that association on account of insolvent by Messrs. Acland, Prentis and Bishop, through Messrs. Dallas & Co., the association's solicitors, and he admitted he did not know of what items this sum was composed, but it appears from the letter No. 5 and from other evidence to have been made up of three sums of Rs. 16,000, Rs. 3,000, and Rs. 1,000 paid by insolvent to Acland, Prentis and Bishop, the item of Rs. 3,000 of which was received on the 28th of March. The only portion then of the sum which is not clearly accounted for is the odd Rs. 400, but I think it not improbable that this was paid, as suggested, on account of costs, and therefore this item requires no further notice. (O) is a payment as shown in insolvent's books under date the 13th of August 1866 of Rs. 21,550. On the same date there is an entry in Messrs. Acland, Prentis and Bishop's accounts of Rs. 20,000 received on that date. This leaves a difference of Rs. 1,550 to be accounted for This sum, however, I do not think of much consequence. At this lapse of time it may be difficult to explain that which might then have been easily rectified. It is almost the only item not cleared up, and I do not think the absence of explanation should prejudice insolvent. The next item (P) is a payment of Rs. 9,000, under date the 2nd of February 1867, to Acland, Prentis and Bishop, and which, it is alleged, the accounts of those gentlemen do not show; but exhibit No. II. clears up this matter, as on that date a sum of Rs. 11,175 was paid by Acland, Prentis and Bishop to Dallas and Co. on account of the suit of Hamilton *cs* the insolvent by means of Rs. 9,000 cash and Rs. 2,175 a cheque of Acland, Prentis and Bishop's. This objection therefore falls to ground.

I next proceed to consider the 3rd ground—the concealment of books. As regards the rent receipt books of the landed estate, it appears that one was already in the official assignee's hands and the other was produced by Messrs. Acland, Prentis and Bishop, so that the charge of concealment is confined to the English ledgers of the insolvent's firm and the "B. book." Now the existence of these two books are deposed to by two witnesses M. R. Jeela, insolvent's late partner and Mr. Turner who was an assistant book-keeper in the office. M. R. Jeela deposes to both books, Mr. Turner to the English ledger only, and the case for the opposition depends upon the value that should be placed on these persons' evidence.

That M. R. Jeela is a hostile witness, no body can for a moment deny, and therefore I should be loth to hold any point proved against the insolvent solely on his testimony. This observation disposes of the B. "book." Now as to the ledger, Mr. Turner states that he was employed for some ten months out of his own office hours, to assist in keeping the books of the firm—he states that there was an English ledger extending from 1863 to 1865 in which he made many entries, and he further states that when sued in the Small Cause Court by insolvent's firm in 1868 this book among others was produced. Against this we have the insolvent's statement on oath that he has given up all the books of the firm which he found when he took charge of the office on the dissolution of partnership in July 1865 and that he personally has no knowledge of the existence of such a book.

I must now, before disposing off this ground of objection, proceed to consider the position of the insolvent with regard to his late firm and his general ability for business purposes, noting that the opinion thereon formed will affect, not only this ground of objection, but will generally guide me in arriving at a conclusion on the case. As to his business capabilities, the evidence on his partner M. R. Jeela is very conclusive. Hostile as he is to the insolvent and anxious, as he evidently appeared, to support the opposition, he was forced to admit that he could not say that the insolvent knew anything about book-keeping, and further that insolvent had never been an active partner in the concern. The evidence further, to my mind, shows that he himself was the manager, that the books were kept under his direction, and I think we may safely infer that the insolvent in no way interfered, save to find the capital for the firm and was a mere tool in this clever cousin, and partner's hands.

The insolvent's appearance in the witness box and the way in which he gave his evidence, coupled with what has been said of him by several witnesses, convinces me that he can hardly be looked upon as accountable for any of the firm's transactions which have eventuated in his ruin, and this helplessness of the insolvent forms I feel an additional element of difficulty in the decision of this case.

To return to the ground under consideration—it is suggested by the opposition that this English ledger has been made away with to prevent evidence of Peerozbaee's partnership in the firm from appearing, but I must say that as far as the evidence before me goes I am unable to decide that this book ever came into the insolvent's possession and therefore that Mr. Turner was, if we are to believe his evidence, labouring under a mistake when he stated it was produced by insolvent in the

ed by the news that Mordred has usurped the kingdom. The "great battle in the West" then follows, which is —not described—but sung in splendid verse, in *The Passing of Arthur*.

But no sooner had Arthur withdrawn from Benwicke than Lancelot prepared himself to follow, not for reprisals, but that he might aid his King and friend against Mordred. The ghost of Gawaine, reconciled in death to Lancelot, appeared to counsel delay till these succours should arrive, and it was a slight and unforeseen accident alone that prevented obedience to the warning. After the battle, Lancelot betook himself to Almesbury, seeking an audience of the Queen. On learning there her settled resolution to abide by a holy life, he himself was received into the cloister by the "Bishop of Canterbury, a hermit," and renounced for ever his last hope of taking his old love away, beyond their common sorrows, to the distant retreat of Joyous Gard. When, after several years of the silent life, he had been an admitted priest for near a twelvemonth, he was miraculously summoned to Almesbury, whence he was to remove the body of the Queen, then at the point of death, and to convey it to Glastonbury for a final resting-place. During his journey, the Queen, in her dying moments, spoke freely of him to the nuns. She had died but half an hour before his coming. Sir Lancelot, she said, had been priest near twelve months; and "hither he cometh as fast as he may for to fetch my corpse. And beside my lord Arthur shall he bury me." It should be said at this point that, in the romance, on the morrow of Arthur's Passing, Sir Bedivere finds a tomb newly graven, and a hermit grovelling before it, who informs him that at midnight a corpse had been miraculously laid there by the queens and other ladies of the mystic barge; so that, in the mind of the writer of the legend, an actual burial co-existed with the visionary hope and prospect of Arthur's continued life in Avilion, and of his future return. Before setting out on the journey to Glastonbury, Sir Lancelot "did all the observance of the service himself, both the dirge at night, and the mass on the morrow." She was buried with all the tender privilege and care that knightly religion could bestow; and then at last the great knight's heart would no more serve to sustain his troubled and careful body. Sir Bors, his kinsman, and through all adventures his devoted and unswerving friend, could avail nothing to revive him; the Bishop could avail nothing, and then "he sickened more and more, dried and dwined away."

One night the Bishop awoke the whole hermitage with a loud and unseasonable laughter. He had never been (he said) so merry and well at ease. For "here was Sir Lancelot with me, with more angels than I ever saw men upon one day; and I saw the angels heave Sir Lancelot towards heaven, and the gates of heaven open to receive him. . . . Go ye to his bed, and then shall he prove the sooth."

So when Sir Bors and his fellows came to his bed, they found him stark dead, and he lay as he had smiled and the sweetest savour about him that ever they smelled . . . and the greatest dole they made that ever man did of men. And the morrow they sang his mass of *Requiem*; and after, the Bishop and all these nine knights put Sir Lancelot in the same horsebier that Queen Guinevere was laid in before she was buried.

He was entombed by them with all honour at Joyous Gard.

Such is the naked framework on which the French romancer has portrayed one of the most beautiful and splendid characters to be found in the literature of the imagination. To say that Lancelot combines the fine qualities of an Achilles and of a Hector is to say what is inadequate and even beside the mark. To the body and spirit of Achiles has been here united the soul of a Sir Philip Sidney. King Arthur reaches a wider grasp of sovereignty and larger-minded design; the conception of the Cid is drawn in grand and generous proportions; but in the whole region of romance, will there be found such another union of strength with delicacy, of profound sensibility with entire capacity, as was dreamed by the author of the character of Lancelot? Generosity and courtesy and forgetfulness of self are his broad basis, its pervading elements. To forbear his own advantage

In open battle or the tilted field

is with Lancelot, as with Arthur, a second nature. This part of him, like his complete tranquillity and self-possession—never once broken by danger or by insult, never by anything but the full stress of grief and of remorse—comes of his supreme and conscious power. During the final war before Benwicke, after long enduring almost passively the assaults of Gawaine by whom every kind of aggravation and disappointment has been brought upon him, Lancelot at last puts out his strength, and unhorses his old enemy. Gawaine challenges him desperately to take his life outright, "for if thou leave me thus, when I am whole I shall do battle with thee again." "Sir, I shall endure you by the grace of God," said Sir Lancelot; "but wit you well, Sir Gawaine, I shall never like thee smite a felled knight." During all the taunts of Sir Gawaine at the time when the restoration of Guinevere and of himself still hung in the balance, Sir Lancelot never fails to answer reasonably, liberally, and courteously. And when Sir Galahad is knighted, and a mysterious lady rides to tell the new knight's father that he must no more look to hold the first place of chivalry, "As touching that," said Sir Lancelot, "I know well that I was never the best."

His fidelity is, if that were possible, even more than a match for his large and generous courtesy. It is as if the romancer had designed to show to what moral heights a man may climb while a mortal sin still hovers about him. In Mr. Tennyson's *Guinevere* the great excuse for the relation between Lancelot and the Queen is distinctly spoken of. It was a misadventure that Arthur should have been the first to present himself; that he should have dazzled a young fancy with "warmth and colour' before it had grown to love the

pure severity of perfect light

which hung round his own character and designs. But though this misadventure is of large dimension, and though nearly every chapter in the romance hints a further extenuation in the general customs of the early age, yet it is clear that the connexion was to the writer a mortal sin, and nothing short of it. In the long episode of Sir Tristram and La Beale Isond (the "Iseult of Scotland" in Mr. Matthew Arnold's elegiac poem), it is easy to recognize a secondary reproduction of Lancelot and Guinevere. As Lancelot conducts Guinevere to Arthur, so Tristram conducts Isond or Iseult to King Mark of Cornwall. And, if we assume this secondary relation as a fact, it is interesting to notice that in the subsidiary story the mortal taint has been provided against by throwing a supernatural halo over the relation of the two later lovers. A miraculous philtre has been prepared by the father of Iseult of Ireland, by which she is to become firmly and indissolubly united to King Mark. Of this philtre she and her knightly guide inadvertently drink during the voyage, and their destiny is thus sealed beyond the power of their own wills to alter. Yet, though there is no blinking the romancer's view of Lancelot's fault, it is wonderful to observe the labour and the care which he has spent in drawing a portrait, this great fault notwithstanding, of lifelong and unwearying faithfulness.

His honour rooted in dishonour stood,
And faith unfaithful made him falsely true.

In those lines the complexity of the character is admirably and perfectly described, but in the mind of the romancer it is clear that the ruling tendency was to set the honourable and the faithful qualities in the stronger relief. The whole poem of Elaine, in its great and multifarious beauty, is a tribute to the faithfulness of Lancelot. It might almost bear those words for its inscription, if it were not a picture of his generosity as well. The great and tragical madness which occurs in the story fell upon Lancelot for the sole reason that he could not brook to be thought "wanderingly lewd." Nor was he faithful to the Queen alone, but—the one disloyalty excepted—to Arthur also. Against him he would never lift a hand; and, when once the King had left his sequestering him, he was following on his track, not as foe, but as brother and ally. He was never petulant, never recklessly neglectful of what (even in extremes) might yet be done for those friends; never flagging in devotion while they lived, nor after their deaths.

Of his magnetic power of attaching others to himself there is no need to speak. Such a character, even in a low degree, cannot live and move without exercising something of that power. And some of the most striking episodes in the legend arise out of this influence, which drew to Lancelot Sir Lavaine and "the fair maid of Astolat"—which was felt at times and seasons by knights like Sir Tristram and Sir Gareth, and which entirely dominated a character so different from that of his great kinsman as was Sir Bors, a figure which, if not one of the first magnitude, is among the most distinctly drawn and the most interesting in the whole romance.

Lancelot is not a man "of gramarye," not a master of technical instruction, such as was then confined to the clergy, and would have beseemed a great knight of chivalry. But he is manifestly intended to be held as a man of intellectual cultivation and (though not furnished with its technical machinery and instruments) possessing the essence and spirit of true culture. He detects the real excellence of the new-comer, Beaumains, when others fail in that perception, and when many of the Court hold him for no better than a kitchen-page; and by Lancelot's countenance and encouragement he is at last knighted as Sir Gareth and recognized for a nephew of the King himself. And when the damsel Maledisaunt has explained that the discredit she has thrown on a certain knight arose from no malicious intent, but through a desire to detain him from the danger of the field, Lancelot not only condones her offence but decorates her courteously with the new name of Bienpensaunt. This intellectual delicacy is naturally accompanied by a keen sensibility on which the romancer has bestowed the most striking touches. The tone of the character may be indeed resembled to the string of Ulysses's great bow in the Odyssey. Its strength made all other strength seem weakness, yet it responded to the slightest touch. Ulysses did but try and test it,

And in a low tone beautifully it sang
Voiced like a swallow.

Thus Lancelot, the undisputed master of the tilted field, is represented as being also a man frequent in self-converse, and responsive, not only to the lightest word or look from the Queen, but to appeals from his own inner nature of the most subtle kind. Quite late in the romance, when the direct and the settled attacks on himself and the Queen had begun, and when he had just been doing mortal combat in her defence, he comes into the Court at a moment when a wounded knight, Sir Urre, is occupying the full attention of the King. As the leeches have all failed, the King and the best knights are trying the effect of "handling the wounds" themselves, a process resembling the "royal touching" for various maladies in later times. Last of all, Sir Lancelot is called to try where every one else has failed. He comes forward, not the man that once he was; though outwardly unchanged, he is inwardly aware of personal default, of failing name, of uncertainty and danger. But he touches the wounds, and one by one they are all healed. Then Arthur, and all the other kings and knights, gave loud thanks and praise, and made a sort of triumphal procession in honour of Sir Urre's recovery; but "*ever Sir Lancelot wept as he had been a beaten child.*" No comment should be needed on those words, which supply the key to some of the finest conceptions in this complex and magnificent nature.

Mr. Tennyson will have many claims upon posterity. And this will not be the least, that he has from amongst a mass of ill-arranged romance disengaged and placed in a fair and perfect setting the portrait of this great knight, who,

Marr'd as he was, seemed yet the goodliest man.

and whose character will have been by his means handed down and remembered as one of the most remarkable creations of medieval fancy.

A THIEVES' SUPPER IN THE NEW-CUT.

An invitation to a "soup-supper" in the New-cut, Lambeth, if accompanied with the intimation that all the guests of the evening will be, without exception, convicted thieves, is one of those civilities which many persons would be disposed to decline without thanks. The locality itself is by no means a pleasant one, especially after dark, and the society of a couple of hundred of confirmed pickpockets seems hardly calculated, at first sight, to afford the materials for a pleasant night's entertainment. Let us see whether in this instance the reality may not be more promising than the appearance.

The supper is for six o'clock; the place, a plain building in the New-cut, for many years, a well-known "penny gaff," but now called Gospel Hall, and devoted to week-day and Sunday religious services, at which all—but chiefly the outcasts of society—are earnestly invited to attend. A ragged crowd collected on the pavement points out to the stranger the entrance to the hall, and as he pushes in, shoulder to shoulder with some vagabond-looking fellows, the spectators outside audibly say to each other that "none but thieves are admitted." Our friends with the unprepossessing faces pass at once into the hall, but we turn into a little ante-room, where are a few ladies, two or three gentlemen, and a great number of half-quartern loaves and empty basins. We ask for Mr. Edward Wright, who comes forward and replies, in a tone of genial manliness and frankness to our questions. Ned Wright, as he is now familiarly called—"Mickey Moon" used to be his nickname among the thieves when he was one of them—is a young man of powerful build, quite a match, probably, for any two ordinary roughs. Our readers, perhaps, have never heard of him, but in the New-cut his reputation, as "the converted housebreaker," is widespread. Some four or five years ago he became a deeply religious man, abandoned his burglars' tools, and was not only bent upon becoming honest himself, but has devoted all his energies to inducing his former companions to follow his example. An earnest man, in whatever position, never fails to obtain support, and Ned Wright soon found friends willing to assist him in his labours. We are told, and have reason to believe, that among the roughs and criminals of the New-cut he has worked with great success. Speaking their language, sympathising with their prejudices, acquainted with all their dodges, it is probable that his rough-and-ready eloquence may find its way to their hearts, while the more refined language of the regular clergy never penetrates beyond their ears. Himself a living example that even a thief may think better of his way of life, and amend it, the thieves whom he invites to listen to him feel themselves to be under the influence of a living example as well as of dry precept. Encouraged by the measure of success already achieved Ned Wright determined to have a grand field night, with the pickpockets, and he issued invitations to all who would come, the sole condition being that every person who chose to attend must have been convicted at least once. There is something a little startling in the fact—for the district is not a large one—that not less than five hundred applications were received; but as not more than two hundred tickets could be issued the process of selection was rigorously enforced. In the result the guests of the evening were roughly analysed thus:—There were 188 men and boys who had altogether served in prison 142 years 4 months and 2 weeks; and there were seven men who had between them served 67 years and 4months, or a total of 195 guests who had undergone nearly 210 years of imprisonment. One of them had been convicted no less than 16 times, and had served seven years; against another 13 convictions, and 10 years' imprisonment were on record; and the degree of criminality gradually dwindled down, from these extreme cases until at the other end of the scale stood a boy of tender years who had been sent to prison for 14 days for stealing four turnips when he was hungry. It was painful to see such a juvenile already enrolled in the ranks of professional criminals.

While the soup was being ladled out we suggested to Ned Wright that, probably, there were none of the more skilful class of crackmen among his guests. He admitted that, for the most part, they were "diney hunters" and "pigeon coves," or in other words scamps who stole lead off the roofs or bell handles from doors, and the like petty descriptions of larceny, but, he added, that he expected some swell mobsmen and "opera jumpers" (men who dress well and pick pockets at the opera), who being down upon their luck would be glad of a basin of good soup and a half quartern, after having been reduced for some time to "a palmer's pint and three"—*i.e.*, a pint of bad coffee and three slices of bread. He assured us that thieves led by no means easy lives, but that, on the contrary, want and hunger and cold were often daily experiences with them. When one of the party was suggested that emigration was the only means of affording them a fresh start, he observed, no doubt with truth, that they were likely to do better in the old country, because they required to be kept in hand and under the influence of some visible authority.

With our curiosity a good deal stimulated by this preliminary conversation, we prepared to follow Ned Wright into the hall, which was now quite full. The first impression occasioned by the assemblage was decidedly disappointing in the complete absence of any typical character about it. Now, of course, no one who has mixed at all among men requires to be told that, as a rule, "There is no art to find the mind's construction in the face;" but yet one might have supposed that in a company every member of which was morally a black sheep, there would have been some traces of lawlessness, of cunning, or of vice stamped indelibly on the countenance of the guests. Nothing of the sort. You might have supposed yourself in the gallery of any of the East-end theatres. The bullet head, the shifty eyes, the crafty expression, the knavish look, the uneasy bearing—all the outward and visible signs which sensational writers are in the habit of attributing to our criminal classes whenever they attempt the description of them—were all conspicuous by their absence. There were some exceptions, it is true. Out of the two hundred men and lads in the hall it was easy to pick out twenty or thirty upon whose physiognomies nature had written "thief," or "bully," or "blackguard," in her plainest characters; but the majority were neither better nor worse looking than the ordinary run of men and lads in their class of life. We are disposed also to believe that though unquestionably thieves *in case*, it would be no Herculean or Utopian undertaking to turn them into the honest folk. Their conduct last night was certainly not that of confirmed outlaws. Upon this point our readers shall judge for themselves.

There was plenty of noise and horseplay in the hall before the visitors arrived. But none, or very little, afterwards. Ned Wright received a round of cheers, mingled with some good-humoured chaff, which he put a stop to, by telling them, "You're going to have a chinking chump of bread each, and if you make your jaws ache now they'll be no use when you get the tommy (soup). Now, there is one piece of bread for each of you, and if any one sees his neighbour trying to take two you must round on him"—an order that was vigorously hurrahed. The bread, on being passed round, was snatched and devoured with the avidity of extreme hunger, and, in sooth, thieving is but a sorry business, if we may judge from the appearance of ravenousness of its devotees. Their clothes were deplorably ragged and scanty, and they tore the great hunches of bread to pieces in a manner that testified but too keenly to the emptiness of their stomachs. But, though exceedingly hungry, they obeyed orders, and sat patiently in their seats till they were served in their regular turn. The hot soup was probably a still greater temptation. The waiters were few, and the basins circulated too slowly for the eager appetites of the guests, but as a rule, they put a curb on their impatience and abstained from having to be admonished. One burly fellow, who was inclined to be obstreperous, looked thoroughly ashamed when Mr. Wright, pointing to him, cried, "If our friend in the white jacket were to do that in Wandsworth, they'd know what to do with him, eh?" To which appeal came a general cry of "Three days' bread and water, sir."

The supper over, Ned Wright walked on to the platform (where were a few ladies and gentlemen), and addressed the assemblage. First, he asked them all to take off their caps, which was instantly done; a sharp, bare-headed boy in the gallery calling out, "But suppose we ain't got none?" The men were next told to sit down, and to keep quiet. The language of the speaker was homely and forcible. He commenced:—

"Now, men and boys, although I know you are a don't care set of fellows, I want you to show you can do what I ask you to-night. Now, I suppose you're most of you out of work, and without any characters to look for it, and without business here, for this meeting's intended only for those who've got into trouble. Now I dare say there are many of you who'd like to have a coster's barrow with a stock of goods on it. Well, I have got something to say about that before I've done; but, first, I want you sing a hymn with me:—

"We're bound for the land of the pure and the holy,
The home of the happy, the kingdom of love,
Ye wanderers from God, in the broad road of folly,
Oh say will you go to the Eden above.
Will you go, will you go to?"

The hymn was sung in a hearty, if not in a very melodious manner. The speaker then continued, in this strain:

"Now would you like to go there? (Hear, hear, and a general cry of "None of that," "Keep your mouth shut," &c.) Now, I'm going to wrap up what I've got to say so as to finish before eight. What have you come here for? Not only for the soup, but chiefly for the salvation of your souls. I tell you, that whatever you may think to the contrary, your souls are as valuable as that of the Queen that sits on the throne. Some people suppose that men and lads who subject themselves to thieving are to be lost sight of—that they are to go down with the tide. But I say, 'no,' because I am myself an example that, however bad a man's character may be, there is a chance for him to recover it. In this world, you and I know very well that a man's past character will tell against him, but it is not so with God. Now, before I was seventeen years old I lived at Rotherhithe, and it was my unhappy lot to be taken to Newgate to be tried, and I was found guilty and sent to prison. I know very well the effect of that. If I was to go outside here to-night and commit a theft, and was to be taken to Stone-end, I know that I should not have been there long before a kind friend, with a blue coat, would come and say, 'He is known. He was convicted before.' And then, however slight the case, the magistrate sends me to the sessions, and though my last crime may not deserve a year, the judge says—'I'll give you one year, and six on the back of it, because of your former conviction,' and so the country remembers, as if were, a man's offence against him all his life. But then your sin against God, if you repent, He blots out your sin and remembers it no more."

Here is another specimen of Ned Wright's homely style:—

"Now, about seven years ago my name was in the papers, and was well known to all of you as one of the men who threw over the Thames for the coat and badge. I was to row with Tommy Short, and I remember how some of you now present used to be on the banks when I was practising, and how you swore vengeance against any one who should interfere with my winning. I remember going down in my little boat, the day before the race, and after a pull I got back to the boat-house, and was being treated very kindly, when I heard a cry, 'a boy overboard.' I ran out, and I found myself on the dummy, and looking round at the people. Ah! that was a sight I shall not forget in a hurry—the white faces of the men, and the women crying, and the horror on every countenance. But I saw some bubbles coming up on the water, and I thought, 'It may be the last breath of the dying boy;' and on that thought I jumped in, with my clothes on, and went down to the bottom of the river, and felt the body of the boy, but there was no move in it. I brought it up, and it was taken to the house, and the mother was weeping as if her heart would break; but life slowly came back to the body, and she was comforted. Now, men and boys, it seems to me that all of you here are like that lad, and that you have got mothers who are breaking their hearts over you, who are saturating the Throne of Grace with their tears; you are floating down the stream of life into eternity; you need to be rescued from everlasting death."

These specimens will convey a sufficiently accurate idea of the style of the speaker. He certainly carried with him the attention of the audience. Faces that were careless and mocking at first gradually deepened into seriousness, and any attempt at ridicule or noise was immediately suppressed. Another hymn having been sung and a prayer offered up, the assembly was told that those who wished to do so might leave; but that the promised statement respecting the costermongers' barrows would not be made till later in the evening. It was remarkable and satisfactory to observe that a considerable portion of the gathering preferred to remain.

The proceedings lasted about two hours; during the whole of that time we did not hear one blasphemous or indecent expression from the assembled thieves.—*Standard*, Jan. 13.

MR. BRIGHT AS A MINISTER.

(*Spectator*, January 15.)

Mr. Bright is becoming the great political Minister, after all. He is not only becoming but *become* prudent, and there is nothing explicit that the most lynx-eyed reader can extract out of his speeches beyond this, that the Administration find the Irish Land Bill one of very great difficulty, that they still hope *very* great things from it in the direction of pacification in spite of these difficulties, and that they hardly feel equal to pledging themselves to *any* other great measure this session. On the Education question, on the Ballot, on the abolition of University Tests, Mr. Bright's language was always the same 'this session *or* the next;' "you cannot easily drive six omnibuses abreast through Temple Bar." No, but two omnibuses, or even two omnibuses and a cab, you can. Are the Government going to promise us nothing really important but this Land Tenure Bill? Last year we had the Middle-Class Schools' Act as well as the Irish Church Act. Surely this session we might have the Primary Schools and University Tests' Abolition Bills to round off the Education question, as well as the Irish Bill, if the Government will only be a little more inclined to follow Mrs. Chick's advice to "make an effort." Mr. Bright cannot be ageeing; and yet it cannot be only fancy that we seem to find so deep a sense of laborious endeavour, so keen a desire to depreciate pressure for anything beyond the Irish Land Bill, in his four Birmingham speeches. There is first his eloquent disquisition on that "Hill of Difficulty," which he, like Christian, is about to climb with the Irish burden on his back, and which he finds rising steeper and steeper as he approaches it; then there is the use—omnibus-abreast metaphor; then there is the pathetic cry with which Mr. Bright explains how unkind it is to press the Government this session even for the University Tests' Bill,—"it would take perhaps three or even *four* Government nights,—the Government nights for a fortnight,—*the difficulties are enormous!*" Then there is the profound melancholy with which Mr. Bright recalls a man who worried "Impossibilities made possible," and adds apologetically, "Government cannot do anything of that kind." Then there is the solemn announcement, "It is a very serious thing, this grave political life; it is not a mere joke,—a mere field on which ambitious men may disport themselves; it is something very serious, and for every step we must give an account." Clearly Mr. Bright feels his ministerial soul in the pangs of a travail which will hardly allow him to spare a moment to English questions even of first-rate importance. And our diagnosis of his case is, on the whole, hopeful for Ireland. For we are disposed to infer that Mr. Bright is making up his mind to a great effort,—an effort, it may be, which somewhat tries his stern conscience as a political economist,—an effort which compels him to eschew all other efforts and do what is always especially difficult to Mr. Bright,—judge how much responsibility he *dare* take in a direction not entirely congenial to his own views. Guessing simply from the tone of his speeches, we should hope that the Ministry are really in the throes of a labour which will *not* issue in the delivery of a mouse,—which might even be great enough to invite defeat, and be carried only after resignation and an 'education of the Tory Party,' like Reform. Of course, as many stern landowners in the Cabinet, it is not very easy to conceive that this is the true explanation of Mr. Bright's evidently labouring breast. But we are disposed to hope that it may be so, and that we are to have at length a measure for Ireland statesmanlike enough to produce a real pacification, and bold enough to make it a difficulty, not for Mr. Bright amongst the county Liberals. If not even among the borough Liberals. Of one thing we are quite sure,—that a bold offer, which would really make property and proprietors safe in Ireland for the future, would be infinitely better, even though at first rejected by Parliament, than a bill which could just pass easily, and do nothing to change the situation in Ireland when it had passed. From Mr. Bright's unparalleled prudence, unconcealed anxiety, deep sense of responsibility, and outspoken ministeral condemnation of the Fenians and their proceedings, we are disposed at all events to augur a weighty and original measure.

It is curious to note how well in some respects the official manner suits Mr. Bright. The immense and no doubt just self-respect which has always rendered him quite unconscious of the arguments of his opponents, follows him, of course, into office, and mingling with the new sense of corporate responsibility, gives a sort of pride and force to his manner exactly suited to reflect that sense of popular and national dignity in a statesman which is often dear to a great people without being easily obtained by them,—in which, for instance, the American statesmen have often been singularly wanting. If Mr. Bright had not entered too late on his ministerial life, we might almost anticipate for him a considerable career as a Minister in the future on the strength of this popular hauteur of manner, this grand air of responsibility, which might well in time endear him both to Parliament and the people as a middle-class Pitt,—not, indeed, so stately and freezing, but quite as proud, and with larger sympathies. Of course Mr. Bright's ministerial defect is, that he seems unable to give any serious attention to arguments with which he does not agree. He wraps himself close, as it were in the cloak of his own personal convictions, and just gives you to know that he is smiling at the beating of your logic against it. Still that is precisely the attitude which often suits the masses of the people best, if only their minister happens to be of one mind with them. What a dignified republican president Mr. Bright would make, if only he were not expected to "receive" or be "interviewed,"—processes for which he would be far too dictatorial and impatient! There is a deep intolerance of hostile argument in all great popular bodies which Mr. Bright's political hauteur of mind exactly represents, and represents far more effectively than that common-place American jealousy of criticism which finds expression in the complaint that American "institutions" are misunderstood or morbidly disliked. This proud self-involvement of Mr. Bright's in his own political opinions comes out even the more remarkably in the little series of Birmingham speeches, because it is so evident that on all official matters he speaks under great restraint and difficulty. Wherever he is quite free, he repudiates the opinions he has been accustomed to deride with all his might, as ultimately resting on the representation of minorities as an absurdity infinitely greater than the election of six members for Birmingham, all six of whom would represent not Birmingham, but about three-fourths of the electors, the other eight or nine thousand of them being completely disfranchised. He discards the old argument that giving women in the House of Commons to speak for themselves on their own questions, with an incidental and perfectly irrelevant laugh at shipowners for their narrow views on the navigation laws, and landowners for their suicidal doctrines on Protection. Did Mr. Bright ever ask himself if he would have been satisfied to see Parliament without a manufacturer in it to speak the views of the great producing class? and did it never occur to him that even where the class-view is, as no doubt it often is, narrow, mischievous, and even silly, it is no less a vast gain both to the nation and to the class itself to have had that view fully represented in Parliament, and a loss to no one? With regard to the operative, Mr. Bright is hardly free from the aristocrat's feeling concerning mercantile men,—that he is very willing to act *for* them, but not *with* them, which he feels just a little *infra dig.* So again, on education Mr. Bright speaks with the most perfect intellectual unconsciousness of the case opposed to his own, and if he were not so careful to insist on the probability of having to delay the Education Bills, his words would seem to sanction the impression that the Government had nearly adopted a scheme almost as purely secular as that of the Birmingham League. Certainly Mr. Bright is not an argumentative statesman. But so much the more easily does he seem to take the attitude of a Minister conscious of grave responsibility, full of a glowing self-reliance, and so deeply occupied with the great task he has to perform, that he scarcely cares to hear those acrid criticisms that are made on the popular convictions of which his mind is full. Nothing could be better, for instance, or more dignified than his general line about the Fenian prisoners and their treatment. He insisted that there was nothing which an Irish Republic could do for Ireland which the British Parliament, with 100 honest Irish members in it, could not also do. He dilated on the crime of exciting to insurrection and rebellion when a path of legitimate redress is wide open; he pointed out that Ireland herself would not have respected a Government which liberated such prisoners under a kind of menace, and yet he made more than manifest,—conspicuously,—his intense sympathy with the suffering political prisoners, and the anxiety with which the Government as a whole had considered every means of alleviating their sufferings that was in any way consistent with its duty as guardian of the peace of the United Kingdom. In short, Mr. Bright, weighted as he now is with the responsibilities of office, seems quite to avoid, and with them the massive proportions of his ideal of a representative middle-class minister,—sharing the strongest prejudices of at least one great section of the nation, yet giving those prejudices a certain dignified coherence and massiveness of form, sympathizing habitually with freedom, yet sacrificing nothing of his individuality, proof against intellectual statement though sensitive to all practical demonstrations, vivifying the creed of a statesman with no small share of the picturesque prepossessions of a mill-owner,—solid, sagacious, shrewd, but averse to the intrusion of all suggestions at all heterogeneous to his rooted class-prejudices, standing fast in the solid masonry of life-long habits of thought which nothing short of an earthquake could overthrow. Mr. Bright is quite a new type of minister,—in reality more akin to the old aristocratic type of Lord Palmerston or Lord Russell than to the new intellectual type of Mr. Gladstone or Mr. Lowe. His is the statesmanship which results from the powerful imaginative expression of a new and even stouter order of prejudices than those of the aristocracy,—stouter both because they represent the feelings of a larger class and because they represent a larger class of feelings, feelings of more intensity and depth, though hardly so amenable to the purposes of party politics and strategic manipulation.

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